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June 2, 1932

Mr. Charles C. Kahn,
3443 Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter of the 26th ultimo, 2.49 troy ounces of your second shipment were added to the bar being held here for your account and the same reentered as a deposit, payment for which you will receive promptly.

I regret to say that after entering the remainder of this second shipment as a deposit, the base metal content therein has been found to be in excess of the maximum which deposits may contain and it has accordingly become necessary to reject this lot and impose thereon a melting charge of \$1.00 owing to the excessive base metal content.

It is estimated that to make this material acceptable for purchase the addition of about 20 ounces of sterling silver will be required, upon receipt of which and a money order for \$1.00 to cover the above charges, your bar will be reentered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 2, 1932

Mr. Protoso Yabala,
Morenci, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment unaccompanied by a letter of advice containing sand and have to advise that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, for which purpose I presume you have sent this material here, it does not appear that any values are contained there - in.

If you desire this sand returned to you, kindly send me the necessary postage, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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June 2, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(721 N. Water St.)
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of May 26th, which you state has an approximate value of \$300.00, I have to advise that upon receipt here this material was found to have a weight of 149.70 troy ounces and after melting and assaying the material its precious metal content has been found to be below the minimum accepted in deposits and your bar has accordingly been rejected and our melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward by money order payable to this Mint at your earliest convenience.

Your bar may be reentered as a deposit after the payment of the above charges and the addition thereto of not less than 15 ounces of sterling silver which is required to increase the precious metal content to meet the requirements of the Mint - no deposits being accepted having less than 200 assay parts of the precious metals out of a possible 1000.

Please advise me promptly concerning your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 2, 1932

Mr. W. H. McNew, Jr.,
Cerrogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Your nuggets and amalgam grains, forwarded by you under date of the 24th instant, weigh upon receipt here 1.62 troy ounces, and as 2 full troy ounces of gold is the very smallest amount accepted for purchase, I am unable to make you payment for this material.

If you can send the necessary gold to bring your consignment up to two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

The charges applying on deposits are \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces or fraction and a treatment charge which varies according to the amount of base metal contained in the deposit. These charges apply on the before-melting weight but the gold content of two troy ounces must be present before such consignments are entered for treatment.

Kindly let me know as soon as possible regarding your wishes in this matter,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 2, 1932

Mr. S. B. Leben,
153 North Main Street,
El Dorado, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 26th ultimo, consisting of 55.48 troy ounces of filled material and 9.98 troy ounces of gold and dust, you are advised that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of their weight which it does not appear your material will contain. To be certain that it will comply with the requirements of the Mint, you are requested to send not less than 10 ounces of sterling silver to effect the large amount of base metal contained in your filled ware.

I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Sub-Intendant

CH:T

June 2, 1932

Mrs. E. R. Tagler,
208 West 7th Street,
Coffeyville, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your request I am combining your various lots and have entered 34.10 troy ounces thereof for treatment and tomorrow will return you as requested 20.38 troy ounces of filled material which could not be used. Check in payment of your deposit will be forwarded you promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

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June 2, 1932

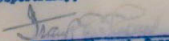
Mr. R. W. Wolff,
P. O. Box 1574,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Your small shipment weighing upon receipt here 94/100 of a troy ounce is not sufficient to bring the weight of your two lots up to 2 full troy ounces which is the least amount that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase - the combined weight of the two lots being 1.94 troy ounces. If you can send the small amount necessary to meet the requirements of the Mint as to weight, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise please send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Please advise me promptly regarding you wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

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June 2, 1932

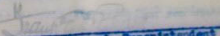
Mr. Charles McKee,
Seely, Imperial County, California.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment weighing upon receipt here
79/100 of a troy ounce, cannot be purchased by the bank
as 2 full troy ounces is the very least accepted for purchase.

If you can send the additional amount of gold
to bring your deposit up to the required weight, I shall
be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send me the
necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold
to you.

Respectfully,


Frank F. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 3, 1932

Mr. D. C. Gilbert,
807 Kearns Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I regret that I am unable to furnish you any information regarding the Daisy Mine (West Dip Mine) or the La Cigale Mine (Boston Mercury Mining Co.), very few deposits having at any time been received at the Mint at Denver from the State of Utah. Most of the production of that state deposited at Government institutions has been sent to the United States Assay Office at New York City, United States Mint at San Francisco and the United States Assay Office at Boise, when such production was not shipped direct to some commercial smelter or reduction plant.

It may be that the United States Bureau of Mines, Customs Building, this city, can furnish you with some information regarding the mines in question.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

June 3, 1932

Mr. John F. McDole,
3312 Third Avenue,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, please find herewith circular which will give you full instructions relative to conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint and which I believe will answer all the questions contained in your letter.

Should you desire further information, it will be gladly furnished you on request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 3, 1932

Mr. Marvin Beardsley,
Pocatello, Idaho. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, please find herewith circular which will give you full instructions relative to conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint and which I believe will answer all the questions contained in your letter, and from which you will note that amalgam must be retorted before being forwarded to the Mint.

Should you desire further information, it will be gladly furnished you upon request.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

June 3, 1932

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Miss Mary Morgan
Muel's Indian Trading Post,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 31st ultimo, I have
to advise that the Mint is not now accepting deposits of
silver unless accompanied by an appreciable amount of gold.
is the very least amount that the Mint may accept for purchase.
Respectfully,

If you can send the amount necessary to give your shipment the required weight, I shall
be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Regretting my inability to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:3

June 3, 1938

Mr. Paul Colson,
Chairman, Finance Committee,
First Congregational Church,
Fremont, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the silver forwarded by you under date of the 25th instant I have to advise that all good silver contained therein has been added to your deposit and I am holding 45.87 troy ounces of plated ware which you included and which was not added to your first shipment for the reason that the large amount of base metal contained in this plated material would probably lower the fineness of your deposit to a point that would render it unacceptable for purchase. As this plated ware contains very little silver, I would suggest that you send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Payment of your deposit will be forwarded you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 3, 1932

Rev. Frank Haeburg,
Kekhonkwa, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that there has been no coinage of quarter dollars at this Mint since 1929 and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for pieces of this denomination of the coinage of 1931 and 1932.

In this connection, please be advised also that application for new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the suggestions contained in the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:1
Enclosed
Stamped envelope returned

June 3, 1932

Mrs. S. W. Middleton,
1806 Cheyenne Boulevard,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of the 2nd instant regarding the value of certain Indian head pennies, I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner, nor have I any information on this subject. I would suggest that you write to some coin collector for the information you desire.

Regretting that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamp returned

June 3, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find standard form No. 40 - Contract for Telephone Service - in quadruplicate, which I have to request you will accomplish for telephone service at this institution for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1932, upon approval of which by the Secretary of the Treasury, the quadruplicate copy will be returned you for your files.

Kindly execute these forms at your earliest convenience and return same to me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OU:T
Enclosure

June 3, 1932

Public Service Company of Colorado,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find forms Nos. 8624-A and 8624-B, in quadruplicate, for accomplishment by you for gas service and electric current, respectively, for such service at this institution during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1932. Kindly execute these forms at your earliest convenience and return them to me.

Upon approval of these contracts by the Treasury Department, the quadruplicate copy will be returned you for your files.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

Enclosure

June 3, 1932

Mr. Manson D. Bell,
1127 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo consisting of 100.32 troy ounces of filled scrap, 6.66 troy ounces of silver and 36.50 troy ounces of gold scrap, please be advised that it is believed the base metal content of these three lots will exceed the minimum percentage in deposits owing to the fact that the filled scrap is composed chiefly of base metal.

In order to combine these three lots into one deposit, you should forward not less than 15 ounces of sterling silver to provide your deposit with sufficient precious metal content to meet the requirements of the Mint. Or, if you prefer, the silver and gold may be combined and your filled scrap returned you and I will thank you to advise me promptly as to what you desire done in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:2

June 3, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

On the 16th of May, last, I received a consignment bearing your label on the outside and have advised you on several occasions of the receipt of this deposit and requested a letter of advice from you pertinent thereto which is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment. As I still have not received a letter of advice from you pertaining to this consignment, I have again to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 4, 1932

Mr. H. S. Stowe,
Prescott, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small shipment, weighing upon receipt here 45/100 of a troy ounce, unaccompanied by letter, and have to advise that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase and all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice before being entered on our books for treatment.

If you can send enough gold to bring your material now on hand up to the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GE:T

June 4, 1932

Mr. John Reinders,
Tinton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.85 troy ounces and have to advise that the minimum amount of virgin or placer gold accepted for purchase is 2 full troy ounces of gold. If you can forward the necessary amount to bring your deposit up to the required amount, I shall be glad to have you do so. If this is not convenient, however, please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

June 4, 1932

Mr. C. A. Russell,
Astoria, Washington.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.80 troy ounces, unaccompanied by letter, and have to advise that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount that may be accepted by the Mint for purchase and all consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice before being entered on our books for treatment.

If you can send enough gold to bring your consignment now on hand up to the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

June 4, 1932

Mr. Frank Moreno,
Orogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.69 troy ounces, has been received and I regret to advise can not be purchased by the Mint as two full troy ounces of gold is the least amount accepted as a deposit.

If you can send the necessary amount to bring your material up the required weight of two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, but you can not do this, kindly send us the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

June 6, 1922

Mr. Walter A. Bailey,
225 South Park Street,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of the 2nd instant for certain coins of this institution, please be advised that new coins are obtainable only upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS
Stamped envelope returned

June 4, 1922

Mrs. S. L. VeeBinder,
3115 Cass Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 30th ultimo,
I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the
chain forward by you to this Mint for purchase, using $9\frac{1}{2}$ ¢
of the 20¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning 10¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7
Enclosure

June 4, 1922

Mr. R. E. Woods,
C/o E. M. Wilson, M.D.,
Twin Bridges, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Complying with the request of E. M. Wilson for your account under date of the 21st ultimo, I have today returned to you in his care the small slug of analgesic forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, using 11¢ of the 25¢ in stamps enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 14¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 4, 1922

Mr. Eric Hallgren,
Globe, Arizona.
Box 1610.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant,
I have today returned to you by insured parcel post the
small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase, using 11¢ of the 12¢ in stamps enclosed with
your letter for that purpose and returning 1¢ stamp here-
with to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosure

June 4, 1932

Mr. M. C. Larsen
1047 North Waco Avenue,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Touching the second paragraph of your letter of the first instant as to what metals are purchased by the Mint, please be advised that gold and silver only are accepted as deposits and silver only when accompanied by an appreciable amount of gold. Such deposits must have a value of not under \$100.00 and a precious metal content of at least one-fifth of their weight.

I am enclosing a circular giving you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 4, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 31st ultimo, consisting of one large bar weighing 169.68 troy ounces, one small bar weighing 39.64 troy ounces and scrap gold weighing 87.85 troy ounces, I have to advise that the two bars are unsuitable for acceptance as a deposit owing to the fact that they are composed almost entirely of base metal.

The gold scrap appears to be proper as a deposit and may be entered as such upon receipt of further instructions to this effect. The two bars will be returned you by express, collect, if you so desire.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 6, 1932

National Refiners,
309 Security Building,
Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint does not undertake to extract platinum contained in gold deposits and return that metal to the depositor, nor is any allowance made therefor in any way, under which circumstances it is necessary that depositors waive any values in platinum when that metal is contained in any deposits which are accepted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T

June 6, 1932

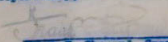
Mr. O. B. Kelley
Salina Star Route,
Boulder County,
Wallstreet, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint will accept placer gold in lots of two full troy ounces or over but that is the very least accepted for purchase and no returns are made on smaller lots when forwarded by different individuals to make up two ounces.

Should you forward any consignments here, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Blank

June 6, 1933

Mr. C. O. Wheatley,
Republic, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and small consignment of sand under date of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for an assay of this material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the small bottles of sand you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:7
Stamped envelope returned

June 6, 1932

Mr. C. O. Wheatley,
Republic, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and small consignment of sand under date of the 4th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock or sand and I am therefore unable to comply with your request for an assay of this material. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the small bottle of sand you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T
Stamped envelope returned

June 6, 1932

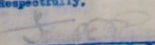
Dr. G. S. Platt,
Burlington, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, I am enclosing an abstract of the regulations governing the receipt of deposits at the Mint from which you will note that deposits of gold scrap are received in lots having a value of \$100.00 and over and that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less the customary charges applying to the grade of gold forwarded.

Should you desire any farther information, it will be gladly furnished you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T
Enclosure

June 6, 1932

Mr. F. W. Sherman,
691 South Burlington Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, please be advised that it does not appear that any deposits have been received at this institution from the sources mentioned by you.

The following Mint Service institutions receive deposits of gold in the same manner as this Mint:

United States Mints:
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
San Francisco, California,
New Orleans, Louisiana,
Carson City, Nevada.

United States Assay Offices:
New York, New York,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
Helena, Montana,
Boise, Idaho,
Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 6, 1932

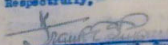
Mrs. A. M. Dick,
Pontana, Wisconsin. Box 253

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, or Helena, Montana, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample, money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

I believe one pound of your material would be sufficient for such assays as you desire.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 6, 1932

Mrs. C. L. Abbott,
118 West Champaign Avenue,
Bantoul, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, I am enclosing herewith a circular which will give you full information relative to the conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint, from which you will note that consignments are accepted having a value of \$100.00 or over and a precious metal content - gold and silver - equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Should your material consist of filled ware, a greater proportion of high-grade silver should be included to offset the large amount of base metal contained in filled ware.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice in order to be entered upon our books for treatment. Should any further information be desired by you in connection with this matter, it will be furnished you.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

June 6, 1932

Mr. Frank Garcia,
Vanadium, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 2nd instant and regret to say that your two small consignments at this institution do not contain two full troy ounces of gold which is the very least the Mint is permitted to accept for purchase and I am therefore unable to purchase your gold - the first shipment weighing 1.79 troy ounces and the second .16 of a troy ounce, making a total of 1.92 troy ounces. Nor am I able to return this gold to you without the necessary postage and insurance being received from you in advance, the Mint having no fund from which such expense may be met. Should I return this to you by express C.O.D., the cost to you would amount to considerably more than by parcel post or registered mail. Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you promptly.

In this connection please be advised that I wrote you on May 17th that the two shipments did not have the necessary weight, but my letter probably has gone astray.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 6, 1932

Hill City Bank,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a ~~statement~~ showing your name on the outside label but owing to the fact that deposits are not entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, I am unable to take further action in regard to your deposit until such a letter has been received from you.

Please advise me promptly in order that I may proceed to treat your deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 7, 1932

Mrs. Rebecca Essaler,
666 East 222nd Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your request of the 6th instant for certain coins of this institution, please be advised that under present regulations all applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

The dimes and stamps enclosed with your letter are returned herewith and upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

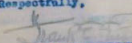
June 7, 1932

Mr. W. J. Mallory,
Custer, South Dakota. Box 496.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 3rd instant as to how much is paid by the Mint for gold, please be advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 per troy ounce for pure gold - 1000 fine, less the treatment charges appearing on deposits, which must have a value of \$100.00 or over when they consist of manufactured articles of gold or weigh two troy ounces when of placer or virgin gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Stamp returned

June 7, 1932

Mr. W. S. Johnson,
1821 Park Row,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th instant, I would suggest that placer mining probably would entail the smallest capital outlay of any mining in which you could engage at this time. Many of our western states, such as Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming have good placer grounds but they are located only by diligent and untiring search.

The Mint does not undertake to promote such enterprises in any way, nor is it in contact with parties who have mines for sale, and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to where and with whom you could engage in such a business, but would caution you against putting any money in any scheme until you have thoroughly satisfied yourself that you are dealing with a reliable and trustworthy party.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 7, 1932

Mrs. Berta Sanders,
2217 Prospect Avenue,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Madam:

I have your small consignment of the 4th instant consisting of 2 troy ounces of dental scrap, 5.02 troy ounces of jewelry and 11.14 troy ounces of filled ware, and have to advise that it is doubtful if this material will have a value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight, both of which requirements are necessary in order to render deposits acceptable for purchase.

I would suggest that you send 2 or 3 ounces of high-grade silver to increase the precious metal content of this material and 2 ounces of good gold to increase its value in order that there will be no doubt that your deposit will meet the requirements of the Mint.

I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 7, 1932

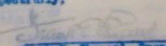
Mr. Merle F. Frey,
Granite, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 4th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.13 troy ounces, I regret to say that I cannot forward you payment for this material as two full troy ounces of gold is the very least accepted by the Mint for purchase.

If you can send the additional gold necessary to give your material a weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

47
June 7, 1932

Mr. W. L. Payne,
Cold Springs, Kiowa County,
Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RFD 1, Box 14

I have your letter of the 31st ultimo and under separate cover your two small nuggets and watch case, containing the works, and have to advise that gold of this character is not purchased by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00 which your consignment would not approximate.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned you.

In this connection please be advised that the Mint does not estimate the value of any consignments prior to acceptance as deposits and before melting and assaying.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 8, 1932

Dr. Irvin C. Solar,
201 University City Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 2nd instant, consisting of 7.69 troy ounces of gold scrap and 12.90 troy ounces of filled ware, I doubt if your material will have either the value or necessary fineness to be acceptable as a deposit and I would therefore suggest that you send some high-grade gold and some good silver to be added to this lot in order that it will have a value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one fifth of the weight of the material. In the meantime your material is being held without treatment until further advised by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: T

June 8, 1932

Messrs. Buster & Larsen,
Oracle, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold which you sent to this Mint for purchase, using the 16¢ in postage forwarded by you for that purpose.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 8, 1932

Dr. E. S. Hart,
606 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

As deposits are not entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, I am unable to proceed with the treatment of the material in your recent shipment and therefore have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this deposit.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. MESSERS, SUPERVISOR

GH:V

June 8, 1932

Mr. Sam A. Popjoy,
Shoup, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 56/100 of a troy ounce, has been received and I regret to say that I can not purchase your gold as deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum weight of 2 troy ounces and must also be accompanied by a letter of advice - no letter of advice having been received from you in this instance.

If you can send enough gold to bring your deposit up to the required weight of two ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your material to you. Please advise me promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:T

June 8, 1922

Newfield's Jewelry,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a small consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you any advice concerning this deposit. A letter of advice is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment and I therefore have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this material.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 6, 1932

Mr. T. J. Folawn,
409 - 16th Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of industrial scrap, I have to advise that after melting this material the resulting bar has a weight of 3.87 troy ounces and therefore has a value considerably below the minimum amount accepted for purchase by the Mint.

I am compelled to reject this deposit and impose thereon a melting charge of \$2.00 which you are requested to call and pay when your bar will be delivered to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 8, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

In reference to your shipment under date of the 1st instant, having an approximate value by you of \$1000.00, I have to advise that after melting and assaying your material, its value has been found to be considerably under \$100.00 and its base metal content far in excess of the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase.

To render this material acceptable for purchase as a deposit at the Mint you should send at least 25 ounces of sterling silver and \$25.00 in high-grade gold.

When deposits have been melted and assayed and then found to be unsuitable for acceptance, the regulations require the imposition of such charges as have been incurred up to that time and on this consignment a melting charge of \$1.00 has been imposed which you are requested to remit by money order at your earliest convenience - this payment being necessary before any further action may be taken in regard to this deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 3, 1922

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of June 2nd, having an approximate value by you of \$750.00, I have to advise that before proceeding to treat this material, it is believed 200 ounces of high-grade silver will be required to offset the large amount of base metal contained therein. I also have to advise that its value will probably fall short of the amount estimated by you as filled were contained very little gold. If you can send some good gold for addition thereto, I would suggest that you do so, it being impossible to estimate prior to melting and assaying such material what its value may be.

In this connection you are again advised that no deposits are accepted for purchase which do not contain a value of at least \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one-fifth of the gross weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM H. WILSON, Superintendent

cc: T

June 8, 1932

Florence O. Farrell,
Lawson, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your note of the 6th instant, please be advised that it is necessary that practically all black sand be removed from the placer gold referred to by you before forwarding to the Mint for purchase. Gold of this character is accepted in lots of two troy ounces and over when accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamps returned

June 8, 1932

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignments under date of the 2nd and 3rd instant, the first of which consists of 28.43 troy ounces of gold and 491.35 troy ounces of filled ware, and the second consisting of 21.32 troy ounces of gold and 99.84 troy ounces of silver, you are advised that in both instances it is believed your material will fall far below the required content of the precious metals - it being necessary that deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and silver.

To render your material acceptable for purchase, the first lot should have added thereto 100 ounces of sterling silver, and to your last consignment not less than 25 ounces of high-grade silver should be added to reduce the base metal content in the large amount of filled ware included in each of your two lots.

I am enclosing a circular giving full instructions relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint from which you will note that deposits must have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one fifth of their weight. If these conditions are not complied with, it is necessary to reject such deposits and impose the charges which have been incurred up to the time of their rejection.

Your two consignments are being held without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 8, 1932

Murray Brothers,
Central, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your three lots forwarded with your letter of the 1st instant, your gold button weighing 1.61 troy ounces, the small bottle marked #1 weighing 58/100 of a troy ounce and small bottle #2 weighing 38/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that while these three lots could be combined and accepted as one deposit and treated in that manner, the Mint does not render returns on lots having a weight under two full troy ounces.

I am holding your three lots without treatment until I hear from you further in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 8, 1932

Mr. E. E. Arnold,
Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps,
Riverside, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request for certain coins of this institution, please be advised that application for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

I am returning herewith the five-cent nickel enclosed with your letter and upon receipt of approval from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

June 8, 1932

Mr. J. E. Kendall,
C/o R. E. Shanon, Route 2,
Wenatchee, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that raw gold will be accepted at the Mint when sent in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over - as much sand and other foreign substances being removed as may be possible.

Consignments may be forwarded by registered mail, insured parcel post, or by express, prepaid, although in small lots the latter method would probably be more costly than either of the two former methods.

Please accompany all consignments with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

DS:7

June 8, 1932

Mr. Charles C. Kehn,
3443 North Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant in which you state you are forwarding 20 ounces of silver for addition to your deposit to increase its precious metal content, please be advised that upon receipt here your silver weighs 14.75 troy ounces and it will be necessary for you to send a few more ounces to make up the requisite quantity.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 8, 1932

Mr. A. L. Britton,
Auburn, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the rock forwarded by you for assay, please be advised that the Mint does not do work of this kind but it does not appear that this rock contains any of the precious metals.

Should you desire a reliable assay made of your material, however, I would suggest that you send same to the United States Assay Office Salt Lake City, Utah, where such work will be done for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the samples you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank B. Shepard, Superintendent

OK: T

June 9, 1932

Mr. Samuel M. Goldberg,
Ernest & Grammer Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that Ernest Powell has agreed that \$500 may be withheld from his ^{each month} pay to liquidate the indebtedness to which you refer. This will be paid you on the first of each month and to such party as you may designate and send to the Mint for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 9, 1932

Mr. G. A. Daniels,
Linton, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment, weighing upon receipt here 4.55 troy ounces and consisting of 5 buttons, please be advised that deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 - it requiring usually about 12 ounces of this material to equal that amount.

If you can supplement this consignment with the necessary gold to bring your deposit up to that value, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise your material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CU:T

June 9, 1932

Mr. Charles A. Werner,
Alamosa, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 7th instant, please be advised that placer gold is accepted by the Mint in lots of two troy ounces and over when practically free from sand and other foreign substances.

Consignments should be forwarded by registered mail or insured parcel post, addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and be accompanied by a letter of advice, stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 9, 1922

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
723 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to the first paragraph of your letter of the 7th instant as to the additional amount of metal required to add to your two bars in order to render them acceptable as a deposit at the Mint, please be advised that 60 ounces of silver and at least \$100.00 worth of fine gold will accomplish that end, both of these bars being composed almost entirely of base metal.

Answering the second paragraph of your letter, I have to advise that your scrap gold, weighing 57.85 troy ounces has been entered as a deposit and will be treated promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 9, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, please be advised that before returns may be made you on your consignment of May 26th which was rejected because of the excess of base metal contained therein, it will be necessary for you to forward a money order for \$1.00 to cover the melting charges as stated in my letter of the 2nd instant. Upon receipt of this money order, payment will be made you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

June 9, 1932

Mr. Herbert Ellis,
Ancho, New Mexico. Box 26

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment under date of the 6th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.50 troy ounces, I regret to say that this can not be purchased owing to the fact that two full troy ounces is the minimum amount which deposits may contain in order to be accepted by the Mint.

If you can send at least an additional half-ounce of gold to go with this consignment, I shall be glad to accept same for purchase. Should this not be convenient, however, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 2, 1932

Mr. Frank E. Rose,
606 First National See Line Building Annex,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that the Washington Bicentennial Quarter has not yet been coined at this institution although I am expecting daily to receive the necessary dies with which to manufacture this piece.

At the present time new coins can only be obtained through application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., but owing to the conditions surrounding the issue of this quarter dollar, it may be that this requirement will be waived, although at the present time I have no information as to the procedure which may be adopted regarding its distribution.

I may add, however, that supplies required by the banks will no doubt have to be obtained through the nearest Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof and that they will undoubtedly be issued by each one of the three Mints.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

DENVER JUNE 10, 1932

SWARTZ JEWELRY COMPANY
OMAHA NEBRASKA

RETURNING BY AIRMAIL COLLECT BEING RETURNED TO YOUR
TELEGRAM NINE INSTANT.

Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Omaha.

June 10, 1912

Miller Brothers,
Nacía, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Complying with your request written on my letter to you of the 23rd ultimo, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the button, retort and dust forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $4\frac{1}{2}$ of the 11¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and retaining here-with $4\frac{1}{2}$ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS
Enclosure

June 10, 1932

Mr. Professor Takala,
Berkeley, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request noted on my letter to you of the 28th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the same forwarded by you in this institution for review, using one of the 40s in always inclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 10s in exchange as enclosed. For distribution, we have I am regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am sure it will be necessary for application to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. in the case of other currencies.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

Respectfully,

CH:7
Enclosure

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

June 10, 1932

Mr. H. C. Alley,
220 West 59th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 7th instant, I have to advise that I have been expecting to begin coinage of the Washington Bicentennial Quarters but to date have not received instructions from the Director of the Mint to proceed with that coinage. I am therefore unable to say when these quarters will be ready for distribution, nor have I any advice at this time if they may be mailed direct to applicants upon request or whether it will be necessary for application to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. as in the case of other new coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 10, 1932

Mr. Charles J. Knebenschuh,
212 Grafton Avenue,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th instant, below you will find list of new and uncirculated coinage of this institution now on hand and available for distribution upon authority from the Treasurer of the United States at Washington D.C.

Standard Silver Dollars ...	1921-32C-7
Half Dollars	1921
Quarter Dollars	1921-2
Dimes	1921-1921
Nickels	1921
One-cent Bronze	1921-30-31

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT

Stamps returned

June 10, 1932

Mr. Henry Anderson,
General Delivery,
Ovid, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of sand forwarded by you,
please be advised that this material consists of magnetic
iron, although the Mint does not make assays of such material.

Please advise me if you desire the return of this
sample and if so, kindly send the necessary postage and in-
surance. Our vault space is very limited and your prompt
attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CHST

June 10, 1932

June 10, 1932

Miss Agnes Crouch,
Woodward, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

Your consignment of recent date has been received and owing to the fact that it consists mostly of filled ware and silver, it will not comply with the requirements of the Mint, which are that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase must have a minimum value of \$100.00.

Kindly forward us the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you and should you forward any further consignments to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice as deposits are not entered on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

June 10, 1932

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Mr. A. Keller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I am referring to your letter of the 6th instant, I have had the different articles comprising your shipment of June 2nd thoroughly examined and I do not find any diamonds included therein, at the Mint.

I am enclosing all the stones which could be found in this deposit, and the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
You forward any further correspondence to the Mint, kindly acknowledge with a letter to the Mint, kindly acknowledge with a letter to the Mint, kindly acknowledge with a letter to the Mint.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

kept on our books for treatment until such a letter has been received.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Enclosure

CH:T

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 10, 1932

June 11, 1932

June 10, 1932

Mr. Mike Daniel,
714 South 26th Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

The small bottle forwarded by you to this institution contains sand and as this material is unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint, kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you at your earliest convenience, our vault space being very limited.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

For the return of this bottle to you at your earliest convenience, our vault space being very limited.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

ENC

original envelope returned

June 10, 1932

June 10, 1932

June 10, 1932

Messrs. Mine M. Witka,
 Jess Hudak and John Stevens,
 General Delivery,
 Jackson, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

You are advised in reference to your consignment under date of the 5th instant that the contents of the bottle forwarded here by you is composed chiefly of sand and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

The Mint accepts deposits of placer or virgin gold in lots as small as two troy ounces but it is necessary that practically all of the sand and other foreign substances be removed before being forwarded here.

Kindly send at the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this bottle to you at your earliest convenience, our vault space being limited.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

June 10, 1932

June 10, 1932

Frish & Company,
319 Fifth Avenue,
Valley City, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the magnet forwarded by you to this institution, I have to advise that an acid test of this metal indicated that it is all brass and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this metal will be returned to you and owing to our limited mail space, your prompt attention to this will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 10, 1933

June 10, 1933

Mr. Lee E. Miller,
Bureau of Chemistry.

Mr. Lee E. Cole,
Cashmere, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the material forwarded by you, I have to advise that one sample contains mercury and the other black sand and as the Mint does not accept deposits of this kind, nor make assays thereof, these bottles and their contents will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance. Please forward this at your earliest convenience as our vault space is very limited.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT

June 10, 1932

June 11, 1932

June 10, 1932

Mr. Ivan C. Miller,
Maywood, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the metal nugget forwarded by you to this institution, I have to say that an acid test of this metal indicates that it is all brass and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your nugget will be returned to you and owing to our limited vault space, your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

JUNE 11, 1932
June 11, 1932

X

Mr. A. J. Martin,
40 North Chasbourne Street,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Sir: The metal ingot forwarded to you is
With reference to your assignment of recent date,
weighing upon receipt here ~~SEVENTH INSTANT~~ ~~1932~~ have to ad-
vise that after melting and assaying this material, its value
has been found to be considerably below the amount which my
C. D. DUNBAR
PHOENIX, ARIZONA guarantee and your has accordingly been re-
jected and ownership charges, amounting to \$1.00, imposed
CHECK IN PAYMENT YOUR DEPOSIT MAILED SEVENTH INSTANT
which you will please forward by money order at
TO HILLSIDE, ARIZONA.
your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this bar as a deposit

it will be necessary for you to reassign it to me and a value
not under \$20.00 to be added thereto in order to bring your

Collect charges with Phoenix the required value. Before this action can
be taken, however, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,

MARK A. DUNBAR, SUPERVISOR

CRIT

June 11, 1932

June 11, 1932

Mr. A. J. Martin,
40 North Chadbourne Street,
San Angelo, Texas, via Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment of recent date,
Enclosed please find three of your safety seals
weighing upon receipt here 13.98 troy ounces. I have to ad-
vice that after melting and assaying this material, its value
has been found to be considerably below the amount which may
be accepted for purchase and your bar has accordingly been re-
jected and our melting charges, amounting to \$2.00, imposed
thereon, which you will please forward by money order at
your earliest convenience.

Should you desire to reenter this bar as a deposit
it will be necessary for you to forward gold having a value
not under \$30.00 to be added thereto in order to bring your
material up to the required value. Before this action can
be taken, however, the above charges must be paid.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. SHEPARD, SUPERINTENDENT

CH:T

June 11, 1932
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Mr. Anthony Sigant,
Cerrillos, New Mexico.
Mr. R. W. Wolff,
P. O. Box 1574,
Phoenix, Arizona.

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your name on
Dear Sir: ~~the balance~~ weight upon receipt here 8.50 troy ounces
I very much regret to say that your third consign-
ment, which weighs upon receipt here 4/100 of a troy ounce,
gives the weight of the total received from you only 1.98
troy ounces. While this is very close to the minimum ac-
cepted for purchase, I am not permitted to lower the mini-
mum and accept from you a deposit of 1.98 troy ounces. I
would therefore suggest that you send 4/100 or 5/100 of an
ounce more in order that your deposit will comply fully with
the regulations.

Respectfully,
Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 11, 1932

June 11, 1932

Mr. Antonio Simoni,
Cerrillos, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a deposit bearing your name on referring to the coal and tar samples which I as the outside, weighing upon receipt here 8.50 tray ounces and consisting of buttons, grains and amalgam grains but up to this date no letter of advice has been received from you covering this shipment.

Before deposits are treated, it is necessary that a letter of advice be received by me covering the shipment and stating the source from which the bullion has been obtained.

Please let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,
Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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June 11, 1932
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Mrs. Frank Drustach,
 Greencreek, Idaho.

Dear Madam:

Referring to the coal and tar samples which I assume you have forwarded here for assay and regarding which no letter of advice has been received, please be advised that while the Mint does not make assays of such material, an examination of your material indicates that it contains no value whatever in the precious metals - gold and silver. Please kindly send me the postage for the return of this material at once, otherwise it will be thrown away, our storage space being much limited.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 11, 1932

Mr. C. V. Derillo,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit at this institution, consisting of retort and amalgam grains and weighing 2.35 troy ounces, I have to advise that no letter of advice has been received covering this shipment.

As no deposits are entered on our books for treatment and purchase until a letter of advice has been received, please write me promptly concerning this material and state the source from which this gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 11, 1922

Mr. L. H. Abrams,
1022 High St., State Entomologist,
Colorado Agricultural College,
Fort Collins, Colorado.
Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant I have

Under separate cover I am forwarding you a small
to advise that placer or virgin gold is accepted in lots
piece piece of a lish from one of the trees on the Mint
as small as two full tray ounces of gold when sent practically
premises which is covered with a small insect which appears
tree from sand, rock, or other foreign substances.

to be doing these trees considerable damage.

Gold in the form of manufactured articles or indus-
trial survey, jewelry, etc., is accepted in lots having a
If you would advise me what solution these trees
could be sprayed with to remove these insects, your courtesy
minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure metal content - gold and
would be greatly appreciated.

silver - equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the de-
posit.

Respectfully,

There are no forms to be forwarded with such sig-
signments except a letter ~~Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent~~ which
in the case of placer or virgin gold, should state the source
from which the gold has been obtained.

CH:T

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

June 11, 1932

Mr. L. H. Abrams,
1005 Blake Avenue, State Entomologist,
Glasgow Springs, Colorado.
Fort Collins, Colorado.
Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant I have

Under separate cover I am forwarding you a small
to advise that placer or virgin gold is accepted in lots
pieces of a high from one of the trees on the Mint
as small as two full troy ounces of gold when sent practically
pieces which is covered with a small insect which appears
free from sand, rock, or other foreign substances.

to be doing these trees considerable damage.

Gold in the form of manufactured articles or indus-
trial scrap, jewelry, etc., is accepted in lots having a
If you could advise as what solution these trees
could be sprayed with to remove these insects, your courtesy
minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure metal content - gold and
silver - equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the de-
posit.

Respectfully,

There are no forms to be forwarded with such as-
signments except a letter or advice from the depositor which
In the case of placer or virgin gold, should state the source
from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 11, 1932

Mrs. A. E. Yost,
Florence, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Referring to the small shipment of ore forwarded by you to this institution and to your request of the 8th instant for the return of same, please be advised that I have this day returned this material to you by parcel post, using $3\frac{1}{2}$ of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ in postage enclosed with your letter and returning $1\frac{1}{2}$ stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 11, 1932

Mr. Hiram S. Stow,
Prescott, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 8th instant for the return of your gold, I have today returned this shipment to you by insured parcel post using 11¢ of the 22¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 14¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

Enclosure

June 13, 1932

Mr. Henry Anderson,
Ovid, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 11th instant, please be advised that the sample of magnetic iron forwarded by you has been thrown away as authorized in your letter, and in reference to its commercial value, I have to state that so far as I am aware it does not have any value whatsoever.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 13, 1932

Mr. Leonard Jannski,
28 Carle Street,
Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry regarding the coinage of the Washington Bicentennial Quarters, I have to advise that these coins have not yet been manufactured at this Institution and I am not advised as to how soon such coinage will be begun although I anticipate in the near future.

Unless you desire coins with the Denver Mint mark, it may be possible for you to procure these coins from the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 13, 1932

Mr. Frank J. Voltman,
2632 South Avers Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith your money order and stamps enclosed with your letter of the 10th instant, for which you desired four Washington Bicentennial Quarters and have to advise that this coin has not yet been manufactured at this institution and I am not advised as to how soon such coinage will be begun although I anticipate in the near future.

Unless you desire coins with the Denver Mint mark, it may be possible for you to procure these coins from the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

June 13, 1922

Mr. David W. Cluff,
Tubac, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant you are advised that placer gold will be purchased by the Mint when sent in lots having a weight of two troy ounces or over, provided, the sand, rock and other foreign substances have been removed.

Consignments should be accompanied by a letter of advice and state the source from which the gold has been obtained. The Mint does not accept C.O.D. shipments as payment for deposits is not made until after they have been melted and assayed to ascertain the amount of pure gold and silver content on which payment is based.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 13, 1932

Mr. Edward Wagner,
2306 Chestnut Street,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 9th instant, you are advised that application for new one-cent bronze pieces of 1931 and 1932 coinage should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

Regarding your request for some mint marks, you are advised that the Mint mark is placed on the coin at the time of its manufacture and tampering with United States coins by putting thereon any marks other than such as have been placed there by the Government would be a penitentiary offence.

Your stamps are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 13, 1932

The C. D. Brown Company,
220 South 16th Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits which must have a value of not less than \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in deposit, under which conditions if much solder is included these treatment charges would be increased accordingly.

I am enclosing a circular which may be of assistance to you in preparing shipments to the Mint.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 13, 1932

Mr. J. P. Meurer,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant, I have to advise that the Mint has no information as to the manner in which you could dispose of your uranium. Perhaps some of the platinum dealers, such as Baker & Company, New York City, could give you some information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Stamped envelope returned.

June 13, 1932

Mr. E. B. Roser,
108 North Washington Avenue,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental scrap and jewelry scrap when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject which no doubt will be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

Stamped envelope returned

June 14, 1932

Mr. W. S. Johnson,
1821 Park Row,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your unusual request of the 11th instant has been received and in reply you are advised that I am unable to tell you in just what particular locality you may be able to locate a mining claim, nor am I able to suggest any one who could give you this information.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 14, 1932

Mr. Earnest Edwards,
803 West 3rd Street,
Russellville, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 13th instant please be advised that you have been misinformed regarding the Government having for sale a machine which is capable of locating buried treasures of any kind. I would suggest that you refrain from putting your money into any contrivance which is represented to you as being capable of accomplishing any results of that kind.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

EW:T

June 14, 1932

Mr. Felipe Esparza,
Hanover, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 9th instant, you are advised that the Mint pays at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less the usual charges imposed by the Mint, these charges being \$1.00 for melting for each 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Placer gold is accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces and manufactured gold in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and when they consist of virgin or placer gold, a statement should be made showing the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 14, 1932

Mr. H. Hann,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 10th instant, you are advised that the Mint will accept scrap gold in lots having a value of \$100.00 and over when the precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information on this subject and should you forward ~~any~~ assignments here, kindly follow the directions given therein.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

June 14, 1932

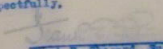
Mr. Jay W. Green,
American Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant and regret to say that owing to the large number of deposits which have been received at this institution during the past three or four weeks, your small consignment has been overlooked, it having been set aside awaiting further advice from you owing to the fact that it contains too much mercury to be treated at this institution, its gold content being a very uncertain quantity.

Deposits of this character are supposed to have a minimum weight of 2 troy ounces and judging from the appearance of your small retorts, it looks very doubtful that they will contain that amount. I would therefore suggest that you forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you. I regret very much the delay which has occurred in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 15, 1932

Mr. J. H. Robinson,
Trenton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a can containing white iron bearing your name on the label and have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of this kind.

If you will send me the necessary postage this material will be returned to you and owing to the small amount of available space in our vault, you are requested to advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1922

Mr. Frank Marens,
Orogrande, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your deposit at this institution, you are advised that deposits are not accepted and entered on our books for treatment until a letter of advice pertinent thereto has been received, and I am therefore holding your material without treatment pending the receipt of such a letter from you. Your consignment now has a total weight of 2.02 troy ounces and payment will be made therefor when you have complied with the above requirement.

Please let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 15, 1932

Mr. James Vig,
1222 First Street,
Havre, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th instant and under separate cover your consignment weighing upon receipt here 1.17 troy ounces, and have to advise that two troy ounces is the smallest amount accepted for purchase.

Referring to the second paragraph of your letter, the Mint does not recommend any outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when small consignments are turned over to them at the request of the shipper, but your material will be turned over to Burlingame & Parker, 1201 Lawrence Street, or Carl Elsaureck, Mack Building, both of this city, if you so desire, upon receipt of specific authority from you releasing the Mint from any responsibility in the matter and designating the one to which you wish your grains delivered.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1932

Mr. J. E. Pollard,
1616 Seymour Avenue,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 9th instant, I returned to you on the 14th instant the small amount of material forwarded by you to this flat for purchase, using 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the 14¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:F

Enclosure

June 15, 1932

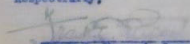
Mr. Mike Daniel,
714 South 26th Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 11th instant, I returned to you on the 14th instant the small bottle of sand and iron forwarded by you to this Mint, using 15¢ of the 17¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank N. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F
Enclosure

June 15, 1932

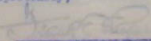
Dr. E. J. Seik,
Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 20th (r) instant, you are advised that scrap gold in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must be forwarded in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over and contain at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information on this subject and please note that any consignments which you may forward here must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OE:T
Enclosure

June 15, 1932

Mr. F. B. Avery,
 Robinette, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of mineral bearing rock or sand, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, or Seattle, Washington, at the following charges, each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.00			

No particular preparation of the ore is necessary, but it should be carefully boxed so that none may escape in transit.

Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

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BOSTON JUNE 10, 1908

CHAIN O' MINES INCORPORATED
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHECK COVERING RETURN ONE SIXTY NINE DELIVERED POST OFFICE
FIVE FIFTEEN THIRTEENTH APRIL 1908 FOR RAIL.

Superintendent Mine

Collect charges at Chicago.

June 15, 1932

Mr. C. H. Webb, Cashier
J. J. Harris & Company, Bankers,
Dolores, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 15th instant, you are advised that deposits of placer gold must have a weight in gold of at least two troy ounces and that only a very small portion of black sand may be included therein, the weight of which must be in addition to the two ounces of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 15, 1932

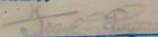
Mr. Charles Larrilo,
Buena Vista, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and have to advise that the delay in hearing from the Mint in regard to your recent consignment is due to the fact that you did not accompany it with a letter of advice or furnish me with any address other than Denver, Colorado, which you inserted under your name on the outside of the wrapper. I sent you the enclosed letter to that address and it was promptly returned to the Mint - your correct address apparently being Buena Vista, Colorado.

I will accept your letter of the 6th instant as a letter of advice and your material will be entered for treatment.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 16, 1932

Messrs. Broadus & Chambers,
Bay Minette, Alabama. Box 26

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase gold and silver bullion when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over and a pure precious metal content not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays for the gold contained in such bullion at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver - this price being the one prevailing on the day before deposits are received.

The consignment should be addressed to the United States Mint, Denver, Colorado, and in all cases be accompanied by a letter of advice.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on all deposits having a weight of 1000 ounces or fraction and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction thereof; also a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Silver is not purchased alone but may be included with gold consignments.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosures
stamped envelope returned

June 16, 1932

Mrs. Agnes Crouch,
Woodward, Iowa.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of the 13th instant in answer to my communication of the 10th which latter you evidently did not read carefully as I therein stated that the Mint could not accept for purchase the material forwarded by you at an earlier date.

The regulations of the Treasury Department require that deposits must meet certain requirements in order to be acceptable and as the material forwarded by you does not comply therewith, I have to request that you will forward as the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience in order that I may return this material to you - the Mint having no funds out of which such expense can be paid.

I have read the leaflet enclosed with your letter and also the letter reprinted therein which is a very fine one.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 16, 1932

Mr. J. A. Hayes,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment weighing upon receipt here 16.28 troy ounces, and have to advise that before this bullion may be entered for treatment, it will be necessary for you to state your connection with the Surprise Lode mining claim and that you will guarantee title to this bullion to the United States.

Upon the receipt of satisfactory information covering the above requirement, I will proceed to treat your metal.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 16, 1932

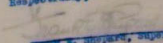
Mr. C. H. Daniels,
P. O. Box 2501,
Dallas Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, you are advised that no deposits are accepted for purchase by the Mint unless accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the bullion has been produced and the relation of the depositor to the mine, and, until I am satisfied that the depositor is entitled to offer it to the Mint.

Deposits of mining gold are accepted in lots as small as 2 full troy ounces, and manufactured gold in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Payment is not made until the bullion has been melted and assayed to determine the amount of the pure gold and silver content.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

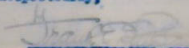
June 16, 1932

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1318 Arcade Place,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment of the 14th instant, which you state weighs 179 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here this material weighs 185.01 troy ounces, and before proceeding to treat this deposit, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 17, 1932

Dr. A. Mathias,
Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of June 13th, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the nuggets forward by you to this Mint for purchase, using 9¢ of the 30¢ in money order enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 20½¢ in postage to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1932

Mr. W. L. Payne,
Cold Springs, Kiowa County,
Oklahoma. R.F.D. 1

Dear Sir:

As per your request of the 7th instant, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the gold watch case and the small nuggets forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 14¢ of the 24¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 10¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1932

Salick Jewelry Company,
Watertown, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, I note from your letter that some of your gold may contain a small quantity of platinum. As the Mint does not purchase platinum nor make any allowance therefor to depositors when it is contained in gold ~~ships~~, it will be necessary for you to either waive these platinum values, or have your material returned to you.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 17, 1932

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of June 3rd, to add to which you have forwarded 55.77 troy ounces of gold in lieu of 25 ounces of silver as suggested in my letter of the 6th instant, I have to advise that your gold was added to your previous lots and upon melting and assaying the resulting bar I find that its base metal content exceeds the maximum which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase - the gold forwarded by you evidently not being of a high grade.

I estimate that it will now require 40 ounces of good silver to render this material acceptable for purchase and I have to request that you will advise me promptly if you can forward this metal.

Under the above circumstances, it is necessary for me to reject your bar and impose thereon a melting charge of \$1.00 which you are requested to forward by money order at your earliest convenience, the payment of this charge being necessary before your bar may be reentered for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 17, 1932

June 17, 1932

Mr. Earl McHenry,
Craigmont, Idaho.

Mr. H. E. Birdwell,
Route 2, Box 35,
Moss, Tennessee.

In receipt of your small consignment, weighing
1.02 troy ounces, and have to advise
that the very least amount
of ore forwarded by you, please be advised that
the Mint does not make assays of such material, an
examination of your sample indicates that it is iron rock
and does not appear to contain any values in the precious
metals. However, if you desire a complete assay of your
sample, please send the necessary postage and in-
crease. I would suggest that you send a sample to the United
States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where a re-
liable assay will be made for you at a charge of \$1.00 for
gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. Money order for the
proper amount, payable to that office must accompany your
samples.

If you desire the return of the ore you have for-
warded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 17, 1932

June 17, 1932

Mr. Earl McHenry,
Grangemont, Idaho.

Mr. Dear Sir: Well,
Route 2, Box 35,
Moss, Tennessee

I am in receipt of your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.02 troy ounces, and have to advise you that two full troy ounces of gold is the very least amount that the Mint is permitted to accept for purchase.

While the Mint does not make assays of such material, an analysis of your sample indicates that it is iron rock and not possible, please send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you at your earliest convenience. If you can send enough more of similar material, an amount of at least two troy ounces, or shall be glad to have you do so, but if this is not possible, please send a sample to the United States Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, where a reliable assay will be made for you at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver each sample. Money order for the proper amount, payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the ore you have forwarded here, please send the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

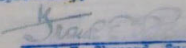
June 17, 1932

Mr. Lee E. Cole,
Cashiers, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 13th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post
the package of material forward by you to this Mint for
purchase, using $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents of the $13\frac{1}{2}$ in postage enclosed
with your letter for that purpose and returning $\frac{1}{2}$ stamp
herewith to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1932

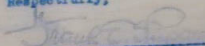
Kendie Jewelry Company,
214 South Ohio,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant and your consignment, weighing upon receipt here, 55.95 troy ounces, I have to advise that to render this material acceptable for purchase, on account of the large amount of base metal contained therein, it will be necessary for you to send 10 ounces of sterling silver to give your material the necessary proportion of the precious metal--since the Mint can not add silver to deposits under any circumstances.

I am holding your consignment without treatment until farther advised by you in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 17, 1932

Mr. R. M. Harris,
Rifle, Colorado.

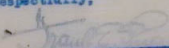
Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 14th instant, I have to advise that deposits of gold scrap in order to be accepted for purchase by the Mint must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

In order to advise you as to what ~~the~~ small sample forwarded by you weighing 1/100 of a troy ounce, will run, an assay charge of \$4.00 will be necessary, also a larger sample.

Your small sample is herewith returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 17, 1932

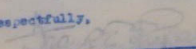
Mr. Macie E. Medley,
R.F.D. 4, Box 45,
Stillwell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, I have to advise that if the old gold which you are desirous of selling consists of gold coin which has been burned, it may be forwarded here for examination and purchase at its bullion value, or if you have old jewelry scrap of which you desire to dispose, it will be necessary that you have enough to contain a value of at least \$100.00 and such gold must have a pure precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less the customary treatment charges applied by the Mint on deposits of this character.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

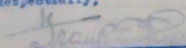
June 17, 1932

Ayres Jewelry Company,
130 East 2nd Street,
Casper, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of the 16th instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint and any additional information which you may desire will be furnished you upon request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1932

Mr. Robert E. Wargler,
2022 Wirt Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

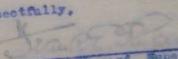
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16th instant and am enclosing a copy of our regulations relative to the receipt of deposits at the Mint which I believe will give you all the information you may desire in that respect.

Please note that the Mint does not purchase platinum nor make any allowance therefor when that metal is included in gold shipments.

If the consignment which you are forwarding by express, is found to be satisfactory upon receipt here, it will be treated promptly.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

June 17, 1932

Mr. L. M. Kiffin, Manager,
Hanover Bessemer Iron & Copper Company,
Pierre, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 15th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not accept deposits of amalgam, but placer gold or other virgin gold is purchased in lots as small as two troy ounces.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

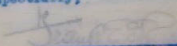
June 17, 1932

Mrs. Mary Leggett,
General Delivery,
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of recent date, I have to advise that since the half dollar you mentioned has been disfigured by having a hole driven through it, it is no longer fit for circulation and is worth only the market value of the silver which it contains-- and owing to the low price of silver at the present time, it would be worth very little. However, if you wish to send it here under these conditions, you will be allowed for what silver it now contains.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 14, 1932

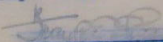
Albrecht Jewelry Company,
404 Lott Street,
Yockum, Texas.

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of the 15th instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information under which old gold scrap, filled jewelry, etc., is accepted at the Mint and you will please note that when forwarding any large amount of filled scrap, it is necessary that a generous proportion of high-grade silver be included, owing to the large amount of base metal contained in such material.

Should you desire further information, it will be gladly furnished you upon request.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

June 17, 1932

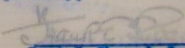
Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant in which you state you are forwarding by express two packages of gold scrap, one weighing 9 pounds and the other 6½ pounds, I have to advise that we have received two packages the weight of which will approximate 9 pounds, avoirdupois - the package weighing 6½ pounds not yet having been received.

In this connection, I have to state that it would be of considerable assistance to the Mint if you would include in each shipment a carbon copy of your letter, or some other method be used that would identify ~~the~~ receipt with the letter which you forward by mail in order that one may be connected with the other.

I also have to state that it has been necessary to reject two of your consignments owing to the large amount of base metal contained therein and impose a melting charge of \$1.00 on each, but to date I have received from you only one \$1.00 remittance to clear these deposits. Kindly forward me a money order for \$1.00 in order that I may proceed to resenter the other deposit which I am holding pending the receipt of these charges.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

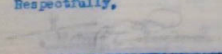
June 17, 1932

Porter Safety Seal Company,
267 North California Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, I have to advise that all of the seals to which reference was made in my recent letter to you were found in one carton having been extracted from the packages of fifty included therein. As this carton is intact, except where it has been opened, it does not appear possible that these seals could have been damaged after being placed in the carton nor subsequently after being received at the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 18, 1932

Mr. E. B. Roer,
108 North Washington Avenue,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, please be advised that your second item, consisting of scrap gold jewelry, weighs upon receipt here 14 ounces and 16 pennyweights or 14.77 troy ounces instead of 16 ounces and 14 pennyweights as stated by you.

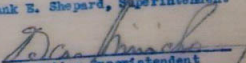
Your first item, consisting of dental scrap and foreign coin, weighing 8 ounces and 6 pennyweights, checks.

Before proceeding to treat your material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of the second item as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OH:T

June 18, 1932

Mr. E. B. Roser,
108 North Washington Avenue,
Wellington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, please be advised that your second item, consisting of scrap gold jewelry, weighs upon receipt here 14 ounces and 16 pennyweights or 14.77 troy ounces instead of 16 ounces and 14 pennyweights as stated by you.

Your first item, consisting of dental scrap and foreign coin, weighing 8 ounces and 6 pennyweights, checks.

Before proceeding to treat your material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight of the second item as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Dan Brinck
Acting Superintendent

OK:T

June 18, 1932

Mr. Frank Garcia,
Hesperus, Colorado.

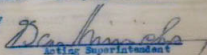
Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant in reference to your small consignment to this institution and am enclosing herewith copy of my letter to you under date of the 6th instant which you will note was mailed to you at Vanadium, Colorado, while your present address appears to be Hesperus, Colorado. This letter explains the status of your deposit at this institution and upon further advice from you your deposit will be returned you as indicated therein.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 18, 1937

Mr. Fred A. Norton,
Hatch, New Mexico.

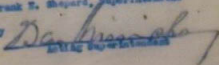
Dear Sir:

Your two small consignments weighing, respectively, 50/100 of a troy ounce and 1.53 troy ounces, have been received with your letter of the 14th instant and while the two lots have a total gross weight of 2.03 troy ounces, I have to advise that separate returns and payment for these lots can not be made you as two full troy ounces is the very least amount on which such payment and returns may be made.

If you desire these two lots may be combined and treated as one deposit and I have to request that you will advise me promptly regarding your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 
Mining Superintendent

CHT

June 13, 1922

Mr. Cecil T. Egan, Jr.,
Trevilians, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the 14th instant for certain coins of this institution, please be advised that our stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1922 has long since been exhausted and I am therefore unable to comply with your request.

I am returning herewith the coin enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ed. H. H. H.
Acting Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

June 18, 1932

Marshall & Halsey Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

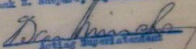
On the 15th instant I received from you 80.63 troy ounces of silver unaccompanied by a letter of advice and was therefore unadvised for what purpose you have forwarded this material - whether you intend it to be added to one of your previous consignments which is being held for the addition of silver, or whether it is intended as a separate deposit.

As the Mint does not purchase silver unless accompanied by some gold, will you kindly advise me in what way you desire this silver used. As previously stated it will greatly assist me in handling your deposits if you will accompany each one with a letter of advice and place in the shipment such information as may be necessary to identify the material with the letter of advice forwarded under separate cover by mail.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 18, 1933

Mr. Gerwin Tynfall,
Dorsey, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment of gold dust, I have to advise that a preliminary test of this material indicates that there are no gold values contained therein and you will therefore please send us the necessary postage for the return of this material to you at your earliest convenience - our vault space being much limited.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

OW:T

June 18, 1932

Mr. Charles C. Kuhn,
3445 North Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your consignment at this institution, I regret to advise that after adding the silver forwarded by you and melting and assaying your material, I find that its base metal content still exceeds the maximum which deposits may contain to render them acceptable for purchase - the silver forwarded by you evidently containing a large amount of base metal.

It will therefore be necessary for you to send me \$1.00 to cover our melting charges which have again been imposed on your deposit and I would suggest that you send the equivalent of 15 ounces of high-grade silver to increase the pure precious metal content of your material to meet our requirements.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Kuhn
Acting Superintendent

CHT

June 15, 1922

Mr. E. E. Adams,
333 Fifth Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 15th instant and accompanying bottle of sand which I regret to say is not suitable as a deposit at the Mint. Deposits of placer or virgin gold must contain at least two troy ounces of gold and be practically free from sand, rock or other foreign substances.

I am unable to have the gold, should there be any in your sand, separated therefrom and as I do not know of any one who could do this for you, I would therefore suggest that you forward at the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Smith
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 18, 1902

Mr. Roy Beck,
6431 Norfolk Avenue,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

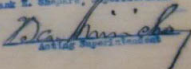
Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, weighing upon receipt here 8.25 troy ounces instead of 182 pennyweights or 9.10 troy ounces as stated by you, I have to advise that as deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00, I would suggest that you send some additional material to go with this lot in order that there may be no doubt as to your deposit complying with the requirements of the Mint. At the same time kindly advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you. In the meantime your material is being held without treatment pending further advice from you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

June 20, 1932

Rio Gila Gold Mining Company,
815 Thomas Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that the Mint pays at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and that virgin mining gold is accepted in lots as small as two full troy ounces.

When manufactured gold is forwarded to the Mint each deposit must have a value of \$100.00 or over, and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

On each of the above deposits the Mint imposes a melting charge of \$1.00 for 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction, also a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R

June 20, 1932

Mrs. Howard Maher,
2109 East Coal Avenue,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner, nor have for distribution any books or pam-
phlets on this subject.

Regretting that I am unable to be of service
to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

June 20, 1932

Mr. Maurice Broido,
3234 Division Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 17th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not purchasing silver at the present time nor has it ever coined for any particular individual the identical silver deposited by him.

Silver contained in the coins of the United States is 900 assay parts fine out of a possible 1000, and silver in deposits, when that metal is accepted with gold deposits, must have at least 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000 in order to be accepted for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 20, 1932

Mr. Beryl Baker,
LaFeria, Texas. Box 86

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 17th instant,
please be advised that the Government does not deal in old
coins in any manner, nor have for distribution any books
or pamphlets on this subject.

Regretting that I am unable to be of service to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Woodward, Superintendent

OH:T

June 21, 1932

Mrs. H. Mehr,
15 North Mayfield Avenue, Apt. 204,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry of the 14th instant, you are advised that the Government does not deal in old or rare coins in any manner and I therefore have no information to what premium, if any, may be paid on the coin mentioned by you.

Regretting that I am unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. McHard, Superintendent

CH:T
Stamped envelope returned

June 21, 1932

Mr. E. R. Evans,
25 North Main Street,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your deposit of the 16th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 2.95 Troy ounces, please be advised that inasmuch as deposits of this character must have a value of \$100.00 or more, I would suggest that you send some additional good gold to go with this lot in order that your deposit will comply with that requirement. Should it fail to do ^{so} after being melted and assayed, it would be necessary to impose such charges as have been incurred to that time and reject your bar.

I am holding your material without treatment until advised further by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

June 21, 1932

Norman Jewelry Company,
Pierce Street at Fifth,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, consisting of 187.07 troy ounces of very low grade filled ware and 12.53 troy ounces of gold, please be advised that owing to the large amount of base metal contained in your filled ware, it will be necessary for you to send not less than 40 ounces of high-grade silver to give your deposit the required proportion of the precious metals - the Mint not accepting deposits containing 800 or more assay parts of base metal out of a possible 1000.

Your material is being held without treatment until the above silver has been received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:J

June 21, 1932

Mr. Boone Hays,
Wilcox, Arizona. Box 420

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 17th instant, consisting of one bottle containing 1.66 troy ounces of gold grains and a small bottle containing 39/100 of a troy ounce of metal which appears to be brass, I have to advise that the contents of the first mentioned bottle can not be accepted ~~for payment~~ as two troy ounces is the very least received.

Kindly forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of the second bottle to you and if convenient, please send the necessary gold to increase the weight of the contents of the first bottle to two full troy ounces. If you are unable to do this, both bottles will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Murphy
FRANK E. MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT

DM:V

June 22, 1932

Mr. R. E. Bradshaw,
1102 North 4th Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of a large envelope bearing your name on the outside and containing a small metal nugget but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining thereto.

I have to state, however, that your name is ~~not~~ and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint and it will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage ~~and~~ surance which you are requested to forward at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don H. Smith
Acting Superintendent

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June 21, 1902

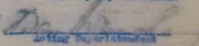
First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your assignment No. 10904 for the account of the Banco Ref. de Oro, S.A., Mazatlan, Sonora, Mexico, acct. M. Soto y Olea, I have to advise that a preliminary test of this material indicates that it is practically all silver and as the Mint is not purchasing that metal at the present time, you are requested to send enough gold to give it an appreciable content of that metal. If this is not convenient, your bar will be returned you by express, collect upon receipt of further advice from you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

By 

Acting Superintendent

CH:2

June 21, 1932

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to your consignment concerning which I wrote you under date of the 6th instant requesting you to forward 100 ounces of high-grade silver to increase its precious metal content to meet the requirements of the U.S.A., I regret to say that the 37.75 troy ounces of silver and 37.07 troy ounces of gold received from you will not give your material the necessary content of pure gold and silver, as both your gold and silver contain more or less base metal.

As the regulations governing the amount of pure metal content of deposits are inflexible and therefore must be complied with before deposits are entered for treatment, I am unable to pass this deposit as an accommodation to you and am holding your material until further advised by you as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

June 22, 1937

Mr. Charles E. Calvert,
R.R. No. 7, Box 371,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

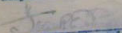
Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 20th instant you are advised that all deposits of gold are purchased on the basis of the fine gold contained therein for which the Mint pays at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce.

Consignments of the character mentioned by you must have a value of \$100.00 or over and a precious metal content of not less than one-fifth of their weight, to insure which when considerable filled ware is included, a generous proportion of sterling silver should accompany the deposit.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 22, 1932

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Fifth Floor McBride Building,
12th & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith invoice slip accompanying your recent deposit which you will please note has not been signed nor indication made thereon of the method of payment desired by you. Please sign this slip as required and state in what form you desire payment made.

You will note that your material upon receipt here weighs 47.51 troy ounces instead of 47.80 ounces as stated by you.

Payments for deposits closed with the receipts of this date and all consignments received subsequently will have to be deferred to July 1st due to the annual settlement of the Mint accounts.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 22, 1932

Mr. C. E. Glab,
Custer, South Dakota. P.O. Box 225.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 21st instant, which you state weighs 22 ounces and 5 pennyweights, I have to advise that upon weighing your material here, its weight is found to be 22.42 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Payments for deposits close with the receipts of this date and all consignments received subsequently will have to be deferred to July 1st due to the annual settlement of the Mint accounts.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Hayward, Superintendent

GE:T

June 22, 1932

Mr. E. C. Carothers,
Brokenbow, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment of the 18th instant, I have to advise that dental gold or manufactured gold in any form must have a value of at least \$100.00 to be acceptable for purchase, the regulations requiring that shipments not having that value be refused.

The pinnings included in your shipment from an acid test appear to be brass and therefore of no value. If you can send enough gold to go with your dental material to bring its value up to \$100.00, I shall be glad to have you do so and will hold your material pending further advice from you in the matter.

In this connection please be advised that our annual settlement is now in progress and that payment for deposits received after this date during the balance of the month will have to be held until July 1st or as soon thereafter as they can be handled. Please send the postage and insurance for the return of your pinnings.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

June 22, 1932

Messrs. Klar & Winterman
2210 Elm Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 20th instant, which your invoice states should have a weight of 44 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your material weighs 28.66 troy ounces. As your package was received intact, I presume you made some error in noting the weight of this material and before proceeding to treat same I would like to have your approval of the weight as received here, if satisfactory to you.

In this connection please be advised that our annual settlement is now in progress and that payment for deposits received after this date for the balance of the month will have to be deferred until July 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 22, 1932

Mr. Ernest E. Smith, Cashier,
Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs,
Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 21st instant, which you state weighs five and one-half ounces, avoirdupois, please be advised that upon receipt here your button weighs 2.25 ounces, troy. I am therefore holding your material without treatment until further advised by you as to the correctness of this weight.

In this connection please be advised that our annual settlement is now in progress and that payment for deposits received after this date during the balance of this month will have to be deferred until July 1st or as soon as possible thereafter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 25, 1932

Mr. Chester Peck,
Merino, Colorado. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

While the Mint does not make analyses of mineral bearing earth, rock or sand, a preliminary test of the material forwarded here by you indicates that it is just ordinary earth and of no value. Unless advised by you to the contrary this material will be thrown away, but should you desire it returned, please send the necessary postage to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH.T

June 27, 1922

Mrs. Agnes French,
Woodward, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. French:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and have to advise that for the past few years the Treasury Department has required strict enforcement of the regulation that all deposits of manufactured articles of gold have a minimum value of \$100.00 and that material received here which does not contain that amount be refused.

For a number of years the Mint did receive small deposits as indicated by the deposits to which you refer in the enclosed papers, which I am returning to you, but I regret that under the circumstances I am unable to accept your material and have accordingly returned it to you, using the \$5 postage enclosed with your letter as follows:

Postage \$
Insurance \$
Stamps returned herewith \$5

Respectfully,

~~Frank M. Johnson, Treasurer~~M.F.
Enclosure

June 23, 1937

Mr. W. M. Garrison,
Warrensburg, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not accepted at the Mint in amounts having a value under \$100.00, nor a pure precious metal content of less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

You will find herewith a circular which will give you full information relative to the conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint and any consignments which you may forward complying therewith will be treated promptly.

Respectfully,

Wm. T. Sheppard, Superintendent

WM:T

Enclosure

June 22, 1938

Sentinel Mines Corporation,
P. O. Box 337, Leadville, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant, you are advised that virgin or placer gold is accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces or over and such gold should be free from rock, sand or other foreign substances.

Gold in the form of manufactured articles is not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and deposits of this character must have a pure precious metal content of 200 assay parts out of a possible 1000, as must also virgin gold when sent in lots in excess of two troy ounces.

If your 50 ounces therefore have a pure precious metal content of at least one-fifth of the weight, it may be forwarded here for purchase, accompanied by a letter of advice stating the mine from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

June 25, 1932

Marshall & Ilsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant forwarding your deposit No. 25, in which you request the return to you of whatever platinum there may be contained therein, I have to advise that it is impossible to comply with your request as platinum can only be separated after your bullion has passed through our refinery and even then it would be impossible to keep your bullion separate from other deposits which may also contain small platinum values.

As previously stated the Mint does not make any allowance for platinum contained in gold deposits nor undertake to separate it from the other metal with which it may be forwarded to the Mint, and I therefore have to request that you will advise me if you are willing to waive the platinum values contained in this shipment, or if you wish the consignment returned to you.

Your draft for \$1.00, covering the mailing charge on one of your deposits which I have been holding, has been received and will be applied to the deposit to which it pertains.

In view of the fact that our annual settlement is now in progress, payment for deposits received subsequent to June 22nd will have to be deferred to July 1st or as soon thereafter as it may be possible to accomplish payment.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

June 25, 1932

Mr. Louis Politzer,
12 East First Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, in which you request an estimate of the filled ware scrap forwarded by you, please be advised that while I would be very glad to comply with your request, any opinion expressed as to the value contained in this metal would be worthless without previously melting and assaying the material to determine the amount of pure gold contained therein. I have therefore proceeded to treat your shipment as authorized by you and payment will be forwarded you within the next few days.

Answering the other question in your letter, you are advised that payment for your deposit may be forwarded to any address you desire, provided you send instructions with a letter of advice covering the shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GB:7

June 23, 1932

Mr. Wendell E. Goddard,
United States Secret Service,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

Enclosed please find counterfeit five-cent piece which E. J. Turner, collector for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, left at this building this morning and which he states he found in the receptacle of one of the telephone booths on his route. He was not able to advise as to the station in which this counterfeit piece was found.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

June 25, 1922

Mr. J. H. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your remittance of recent date, weighing upon receipt here 54.50 Troy ounces, I have to advise that after melting and assaying this material its base metal content has been found to greatly exceed the maximum which deposits may contain in order to comply with the regulations of the Mint, and your bar has accordingly been rejected and a melting charge of \$1.00 imposed thereon which you are requested to forward on by money order at your earliest convenience.

To resender this material as a deposit, the addition thereto of at least 10 ounces of sterling silver will be necessary and I therefore ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~request~~ ^{request} further instructions from you in this matter.

Being to the fact that our annual settlement is now in progress, deposits received between now and July 1st can not be paid for until after that date, or as soon thereafter as it may be possible to do so.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

June 25, 1932

Mr. Richard Leonecavallo,
Black Hawk, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of June 22nd, which you state is a product of the Morgan Placer owned by William M. Machow, please advise me as to your relation to the Morgan Placer and if you have been authorized by Mr. Machow to dispose of this gold for your own account.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 24, 1933

Mr. E. R. Watson,
State Board of Vocational Education,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telephonic request of this date, the following table will exhibit the amount and value of the gold purchased by this institution during the four months of 1931 and 1932, as requested by you:

	1931		1932	
	Fine Ounces	Value	Fine Ounces	Value
February	- 52,475.841	\$1,081,765.92	57,773.550	\$1,194,303.50
March	- 49,991.707	1,033,450.32	47,734.776	995,755.40
April	- 54,570.872	1,130,147.05	55,135.363	1,130,749.74
May	- 54,891.433	1,134,708.04	56,840.997	1,173,314.30
TOTAL	212,029.853	4,380,071.33	217,500.686	4,494,122.94

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Da Silva
Acting Superintendent

June 24, 1932

Mr. Jay W. Speech,
American Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 20th instant, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small consignment of bullion forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 15¢ of the money order for 15¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

WJS
Enclosure

June 24, 1932

Mr. S. A. Daniels,
Lisbon, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I have returned to you by insured mail the material forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 16¢ of the 30¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 14¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to accept your material, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. C. Hamilton
Acting Superintendent

CHIT
Enclosure

June 24, 1930

Mr. H. E. Adams,
FBI, Pueblo, Colorado,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

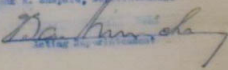
Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 21st instant,
I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small
bottle of sand forwarded by you to this Mint, using 18¢
of the 25¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that
purpose and returning 18¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By 
Acting SuperintendentGSE:7
Enclosure

June 26, 1938

Buffalo Exploration & Mining Company,
 5 McIntyre Building,
 Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 5.75 troy ounces and have to advise that inasmuch as deposits are not entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, you are requested to advise us promptly concerning this shipment.

I may add that our annual settlement is not in progress and payment for all deposits received from now until July 1st can not be made until after that date, but will be accomplished as soon after that date as possible.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By

John H. [Signature]
 Acting Superintendent

CHT

June 24, 1938

Mr. W. L. Payne,
Cold Springs, Kiowa County,
Oklahoma. B.V.T. 1

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th instant and regret to note that you did not find in the package received from the Mint the gold nuggets forwarded to this institution. The receiving clerk here is positive that these nuggets were wrapped in the same paper in which you forwarded them and put into the box in which were enclosed the other articles returned you. I have therefore to regret that you will carefully examine all the papers in the box as you have undoubtedly overlooked them.

Please advise us if the package was received by you intact or whether it evidenced having been tampered with in transit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shoyard, Superintendent

By

Donna M. M. Cho
Acting Superintendent

CHT

June 24, 1932

Mr. Frank T. Johnston,
Leadville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your assignment consisting of two reports and two balls of amalgam and cloth, weighing 1.75 troy ounces, and a dental bridge weighing 17/100 of a troy ounce, also your lease. I am returning your lease herewith, and have to advise that the Mint does not accept amalgam or gold in the form of manufactured articles having a value under \$100. Virgin or placer gold is received in lots as small as two troy ounces but nothing under that weight.

Kindly forward on the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material at your earliest convenience.

You are also advised that the Mint does not purchase platinum, nor undertakes to separate that metal from the other metals with which it may be forwarded to the Mint or make any allowance therefor either.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By *Frank T. Shepard*
Acting Superintendent

June 26, 1907

Mr. Bryce Jones,
221 Duray Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment weighing 45/100 of a Troy ounce, consisting of grains and bluest sand, has been received and I have to advise that the Mint does not accept placer or virgin gold in lots having a weight under ten Troy ounces and it is necessary that the gold have this weight, and practically all sand and other foreign substances must be removed before the gold is forwarded to the Mint.

Upon receipt of the necessary papers and to warrant your grains will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

To

Frank E. Shepard
Mining Superintendent

MLT

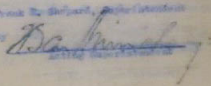
June 24, 1933

Mrs. Grace E. Conley,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

I have your small consignment weighing upon receipt here 2.25 troy ounces and have to advise that inasmuch as deposits are not entered on our books for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this material.

I may add, however, that as our annual settlement is now in progress, payment for all deposits received from now until July 1st will have to be deferred until after that date.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

cc

CH:T

June 24, 1933

Mr. L. L. Garrison,
5447 North Figueroa Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 22nd instant, please be advised that one-cent bronze pieces have been coined by this Mint during the current calendar year, application for which should be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Minich
Acting Superintendent

OUT

Enclosure
Stamped envelope returned

June 24, 1937

Mr. William M. Lewis,
909 South Main Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request of recent date, please be advised that one-cent bronze pieces are the only coins manufactured at this institution during the current calendar year, application for which must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

To

Da. Minich
Acting Superintendent

ONE
Two-cent stamp returned

June 24, 1922

Mr. M. E. McDonald,
Escanaba, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant,
please be advised that if you contemplate the shipment of
16 pounds of spectacle frames of the character described
by you, you should add at least 2 pounds of sterling silver
in order that your deposit will contain one-fifth of its
weight in the pure precious metals.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Don Kinichy
Superintendent

OK:7

June 25, 1932

Mr. Marvin Baimers,
611 South 6th Street,
Norfolk, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is accepted by the Mint in deposits having a value of \$100. or over, where the pure gold and silver content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

Virgin or placer gold is accepted in lots having a weight of two full Troy ounces and over. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

June 25, 1932

Mr. A. H. Doble,
Salmon, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of June 22nd, I have to
advise that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the
acceptance of gold concentrates in any amount.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHAT

June 25, 1933

Mr. C. Clyde Harding, Secretary,
 U.S. Customs at El Paso, N.M.
 El Paso, Texas.
 El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instmt, you
 with reference to your letter of June 22nd, you
 are advised that if the Mexican gold in your possession
 which you state you are forwarding about 25 boxes of gold
 will have a value of at least \$100.00, it may be forwarded
 via to permit the shipment of your registered shipment
 here for purchase - the charges applying thereon being
 \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which is
 fixed by the amount of base metal contained in such coins.
 will be sufficient to carry your shipment through. I have

An affidavit is not necessary in this case nor
 presented to track same and on receipt, returning you as
 in any future shipments of bullion from Mexico.
 this discrepancy in weight on a matter of record, your

permanently and respectfully, have remained with.

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

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June 25, 1935
June 25, 1935

Mr. T. W. Harding, Secretary,
Mr. A. W. Kelley, Mayor, E.E.
1428 North 15th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you
With reference to your letter of June 22nd in
are advised that if the Marions sold in your collection
which you state you are forwarding about 40 ounces of sil-
will have a value of at least \$400.00. It will be forwarded
ver to permit the redeposit of your rejected deposit of
for purchase - the charges against them being
June 2nd, I have to advise that this silver upon receipt
\$3.00 for melting and a small transportation charge which is
here weighs 54.33 troy ounces and as it appears that it
fixed by the amount of base metal contained in each coin.
will be sufficient to carry your deposit through, I have

An affidavit is not necessary in this case as
proceeded to treat same and am simply notifying you of
in any future shipments of bullion from Marion.
this discrepancy in weight as a matter of record, your
package not appearing to have been tampered with.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:5

June 25, 1932

Mrs. Ella G. Johnston,
1012 - 7th Avenue,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter and consignment under date of the 22nd instant and have to advise that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not purchased by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00 and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your small consignment weighing 70/100 of a troy ounce will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON:V

June 27, 1932

Mr. Orion F. French,
Breckenridge, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant addressed to Mr. L. T. Monahan at this institution, I have to advise that the regulations do not permit the divulging of information regarding deposits to any one except upon the written authority of the depositor. I would therefore suggest that you have Mr. Price authorize me to forward you a duplicate memorandum of returns on any deposits that he may make from the lease in which you are both interested.

The Mint does not keep a record of leases nor the names of the persons possessing them.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 27, 1932

Miss C. Diefenthal
1303 Constantinople Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Miss Diefendahl:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give you any information as to what premium, if any, applies on the one-cent bronze piece of the coinage of 1923.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepley, Superintendent

GH:T

June 27, 1922

Mr. El Reynolds,
West Portal, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold free from sand, rock or other foreign substance when sent in lots having a weight of two troy ounces or over - payment being made at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in such deposits, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in such material.

Kindly accompany any deposits you may make with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Sheperd, Superintendent

OK:7
Stamped envelope returned

June 27, 1932

Mr. Theo. I. Griffith,
Fort Garland, Colorado. Box 88

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 22nd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold, free from sand, rock and other foreign substance, when sent in lots having a weight of two troy ounces or over - payment being made at the rate of \$30.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in such deposits, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in such deposits.

Kindly accompany any deposits you may send with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 27, 1933

Mr. H. Grossman,
Corsicana, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant, I am enclosing a circular which will give you full information regarding the conditions under which deposits are received at the Mint, from which you will note that scrap gold must have a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice - the execution of any forms being unnecessary.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

June 27, 1932

Mr. W. H. Ashbow, President,
 Chase National Bank,
 Central City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 14th instant, Mr. Richard Looncavallo of Black Hawk recently forwarded a circular regarding the receipt of gold at the Mint which I believe will give you all the information you desire on this subject.

I have to request that you will advise me if Mr. Looncavallo has been authorized by you to dispose of this gold to the Mint. The treatment charges on gold are determined entirely by the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Respectfully,

Shipment may be made by prepaid express, insured parcel post, or registered mail.
 Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent
 accompanied by a letter of advice.

CH:T

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
 Enclosure

June 27, 1933
June 27, 1933

Mr. Clifford M. Soper, Agent,
2425 West 15th Street,
Lubbock, Texas, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your inquiry of the 24th instant, I am enclosing a circular regarding the receipt of deposits at the Mint which I believe will give you all the information you desire on this subject.

I have to request that you will advise me if Mr. Loomis states in your letter that the treatment charges applying in addition to the melting charge of \$1.00 are determined entirely by the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

Shipment may be made by prepaid express, insured parcel post, or registered mail, each accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 27, 1932

Mr. John Hix,
6814 Iris Circle,
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 17th instant, which I regret has been delayed owing to the fact that it was necessary for me to obtain the desired information from the Director of the Mint, I have to advise that the "Queen Isabella Quarter", minted in 1923, is not the only coin of the United States bearing the likeness of a foreign ruler. The Walloon - Huguenot silver half dollar, authorized by the Act of February, 1923, minted in 1924, to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement by the Walloons and the Huguenots of New Netherlands in 1624, also bore the portrait of a foreign ruler, namely, William The Conqueror - both coins being issued for special celebrations.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Mopard, Superintendent

CE:V

June 27, 1932

Boey Corner Pharmacy Company,
Telluride, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant I have to advise that it is my understanding that before dealers may purchase bullion it is necessary that they obtain from the Secretary of the State of Colorado a license granting that privilege.

For further information concerning this subject, I would suggest that you write to that officer at the State Capital, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 27, 1932

Mrs. Leroy Hensel,
Malden, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your material forwarded by you under date of the 23rd instant, I regret to advise that an acid test of this material indicated it to be white iron or pyrites of iron and therefore of no commercial value.

The Mint does not make analyses of such material and I have to request that you will forward the necessary postage and insurance at your earliest convenience for the return of these samples to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

June 27, 1932

Mr. Walter A. Anderson,
329 Barker Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 22nd instant returning Treasurer's check No. 17140 issued by me in payment of your deposit of June 16th for which you state you desired gold in exchange; also have received under separate cover 33/100 of a troy ounce of gold.

Referring to your request, I have to advise that gold bars are not issued in payment of any deposit which, after deducting our charges, has a value under \$100.00 and I am unable to add this small amount of gold to your previous deposit as payment has been made you thereon.

To add this 33/100 of a troy ounce to your previous deposit, both items would have to be entered as a new deposit and I doubt if sufficient value would be contained therein, as it would require in the neighborhood of \$107.00 to carry your deposit through and have at least \$100.00 remaining due you after deducting all charges.

I am therefore returning my check as above and in any future shipments if you will include in your deposits enough gold to permit the issuance of a fine gold bar, I shall be glad to comply with your request for such payment.

I am returning all papers to you herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

June 27, 1932

Western Gold and Platinum Works,
500 Bryant Street
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label on the outside and have to advise that no deposits are entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice which you are requested to forward me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 27, 1937

Mr. D. D. Moss,
202 Main Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your consignment weighing upon receipt here 17.90 troy ounces but to date have not received from you a letter of advice concerning this deposit. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

June 27, 1932

Mr. Howard Nichols,
Miner Chicago.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small assignment of black sand, weighing upon receipt here 11/100 of a troy ounce, and have to advise that the Mint accepts ten troy ounces of gold which is the least amount that may be purchased.

Your material is not suitable for purchase and will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance which you are requested to forward at your earliest opportunity.

Please be advised also that deposits in order to be accepted for purchase must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Thompson, Superintendent

CHT

June 20, 1922

Mr. M. C. Larsen,
1309 Jewell,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment of the 22nd instant, weighing upon receipt here 117.67 troy ounces and which appears to consist largely of filled ware, you are advised that this material will need not less than 25 ounces of sterling silver to give it the proper precious metal content to comply with the regulations of the Mint. Please forward this silver at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:P

June 28, 1932

Mr. Milton Cerneline,
Black Hawk, Colorado. Box 125

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment weighing 75/100 of
troy ounces has been received and I regret to advise you
that it can not be purchased as the Mint does not accept
deposits weighing under two full troy ounces.

Kindly forward the necessary postage and in-
surance at your earliest convenience for the return of
this gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 26, 1932

Mr. Sam Corrick,
448 Minnesota Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 23rd in which you refer to the platinum contained in your deposit, I have to advise that the Mint does not undertake to separate platinum from the other metals contained in deposits forwarded here nor make any allowance therefor when paying for the gold and silver contained in deposits.

Unless you are willing to waive all platinum values which may be contained in your metal, I would suggest that you forward us the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Snodgrass, Assistant

CH:7

June 27, 1938

Lucas Jewelry Manufacturing Company,
Lucas, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your statement bearing your name and so far have not received from you - letter of advice. As you are aware deposits are not entered for treatment unless covered by a letter of advice, and you are requested to write me concerning your deposit at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

FWT

June 26, 1932

Mr. A. L. Britton,
Anbar, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 20th instant,
I have forwarded by insured parcel post to the United States
Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, the package
sent by you to this Mint, using the box in postage indicated
with your letter for that purpose.

I have also forwarded to that office your money
order for \$1.00, together with a copy of this letter for
the information of the Assayer in Charge.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Howard, Cashier

CH:T

cc to Salt Lake City

June 28, 1932

Mr. M. J. Strongin,
Grand Island, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise that payment for your deposit of June 17th was forwarded you on June 20th by registered mail to Norfolk, Nebraska, in accordance with instructions contained in your letter of advice covering that shipment. I would therefore suggest that you inquire of the postmaster in that city regarding this remittance.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 23, 1922

Mr. E. J. Fendergrast, Receiver,
The First National Bank,
Idaho Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 27th instant,
I am enclosing a few "Source of Production" cards
and some slips which may be used as a letter of advice,
both of which should be ~~completely~~ filled out and accom-
pany any consignment which you may forward to this insti-
tution.

The Mint will purchase placer or virgin gold in
lots of ten troy ounces or over when such gold is practically
free from sand, rock and other foreign substances. All
consignments must be accompanied by information as to the
source from which the gold has been produced and the iden-
tification of the party disposing of the gold to the mine or claim
from which the gold has been extracted as noted on the card
above referred to.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Special Agent

CHT
Enclosures

June 28, 1932

Mr. Howard E. Fish,
Central City, Colorado.
Box 186.

Dear Sir:

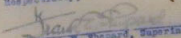
Answering your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that placer or virgin gold will be purchased by the Mint in lots of two full troy ounces and over. This gold does not have to be reduced to 1000 fine but may be forwarded to the Mint as free gold or retorted with all ~~assay~~ driven off.

Placer gold usually brings from \$14.00 to \$18.00 per troy ounce - the Mint paying at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits. Payment is usually made the second or third day after receipt of the deposit.

Consignments may be forwarded by insured parcel post, registered mail, prepaid express, or may be delivered in person. Each consignment ~~must~~ be accompanied by a letter or advice stating the source from which the gold has been extracted and the relation of the shipper to the ~~mine~~ or mine which produced the gold.

The Mint is having its annual settlement at the present time and payment for consignments received from now until July 1st will have to be deferred until as soon as it may be accomplished after that date.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

June 25, 1932

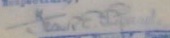
Mr. J. E. Glesner, Agent,
Camp Bird Limited,
Colorado National Bank Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 27th instant in reference to your loss Nos. 2027-23-25-31 and regret that payment can not be made you before July 1st as our annual settlement is now in progress and payment for all deposits received subsequent to June 30th are necessarily deferred until that date when payment will be mailed you as promptly as it is possible to get the checks out.

I regret this delay but it is a matter over which I have no control.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Murphy, Superintendent

U.S.T

June 22, 1900

The Colorado State Bank,
Canon City, Colorado.

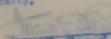
Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.07 troy ounces, I regret to say that this can not be purchased as two full troy ounces of gold is the least amount accepted.

If you can send the additional quantity necessary to bring this consignment up to the required weight of two troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so and have to request that at the same time you will advise as to the source from which the gold has been obtained.

If you are unable to send the additional gold,
kindly forward the necessary postage for the return of this shipment to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS

June 28, 1932

Mr. E. E. Petty,
Whitney, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your consignment under date of the 21st instant, which weighs upon receipt here 17.09 Troy ounces, instead of approximately 20 ounces as stated by you.

As this is a considerable discrepancy, I have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received by the Mint meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Woodward, Superintendent

OW:7

June 26, 1932

Western Gold & Platinum Works,
500 Bryant Street,
San Francisco, California.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt today of your letter of the 27th instant covering your recent consignment at this Institution and have to advise that like San Francisco Mint, the annual settlement is now in progress here and all deposits received since June 22nd are held for payment until after July 1st when such payment will be expedited as much as possible.

It is necessary in all cases that a letter of advice accompany consignments before they may be entered on our books for treatment.

I note in your letter that you state your material weighs 155.12 troy ounces and upon weighing your material here I find that it has a weight of 151.15 troy ounces.

Respectfully,


Mark W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

June 25, 1977

Mr. Ralph Hogg,
1019 Winney Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant, I have to advise that old jewelry is purchased by the Mint when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 and over, and if your gold will have that value and contain at least one fifth of its weight in pure gold, it may be forwarded here for purchase, accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

2/ in stamp returned

June 28, 1932

Mr. August Marsh, Jr.,
Wabasha, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 25th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 1.60 troy ounces, I regret to say that this can not be purchased as two full troy ounces is the least that may be accepted by the Mint.

If you can send the additional quantity necessary to bring your consignment up to the required weight, I shall be glad to have you do so and have to request that at the same time you will advise as to the source from which the gold has been obtained.

If you are unable to send the additional gold, please forward the necessary postage for the return of your nugget to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 29, 1932

Mr. J. M. Siegel,
227 West Third Street,
Davenport, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In reference to your notation on my letter to you of the 23rd instant, I note you are sending some dental and other high-grade gold to go with your rejected bar in lieu of the 10 ounces of sterling silver as suggested in my letter.

However, before any action can be taken in this matter or any metal be combined with your rejected deposit, it will be necessary for you to pay the \$1.00 to cover our melting charge on this rejected bar - this remittance not being enclosed with your letter.

I am therefore holding your bar without treatment until this remittance has been received.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 22, 1922

Mr. Macie E. Madley,
P. O. B. 4, Box 45
Stillwell, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the metal referred to in your letter of the 24th instant which an acid test indicates is all brass and upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance will be returned to you promptly. As our vault space is very limited, you are requested to send this postage at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank F. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Aug 29, 1931

Mr. E. E. Washburn,
1100 North 1st Street,
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request for the return of your magnet, please be advised that I have returned same to you by insured parcel post, using \$1.00 of the \$5.00 in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 10¢ in change to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7
Enclosure

June 29, 1927

Mr. J. M. Wood,
528 Blake Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 27th instant and weighing upon receipt here 85/100 of a troy ounce, please be advised that this deposit is too small to be accepted by the Mint as the regulations do not permit the acceptance or deposit of pieces or virgin gold having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold.

Unless you can send some additional gold to be added to this lot to give it the required weight, I have to request that you will forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these unguineous ounces to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Howard, Superintendent

CHT

June 22, 1922

Mr. C. W. Hodgeson,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your postal card of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint does not purchase plaster or mining gold in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold and it is therefore impossible for us to accept the 47/100 of a troy ounce of gold sent forwarded by you, and this material will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

The Mint will accept for purchase old gold rings and similar material when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GB:7

June 29, 1932

Mr. Howard W. Lary,
Gilman, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 29th instant, you are advised that placer or virgin gold free from sand, rocks or other foreign substances is accepted at the Mint in lots as small as two troy ounces and over, the source of production to be stated in your letter of advice, which must accompany each consignment.

Fabricated or manufactured gold in any form is accepted in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over where the pure precious metal content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, and all transportation charges must be prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

June 29, 1932

Mr. Garvin Tyndall,
Crosby, North Dakota. Box 323

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 23rd instant,
I have this day returned to you by parcel post the sample of
sand forwarded by you to this Institution, using 9¢ of the
10¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose
and returning 1¢ stamp herewith to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:J
Enclosure

June 22, 1932

June 23, 1932

June 23, 1932

Mr. F. B. Leaver,
Aspen, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment weighing here 7.46 troy ounces consisting of four buttons, with an envelope with your name thereon enclosed, and have to advise that deposits are not entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice. Please forward me a letter covering this shipment and also state the source from which this gold has been obtained at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

June 29, 1932

Messrs. W. & M. Rossmore,
725 West Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label on the outside and weighing here 16.37 troy ounces, and have to advise that deposits are not entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice. Please forward me a letter covering this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

June 29, 1900

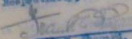
Mr. E. J. Bass,
Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a small bottle of sand and gold and as it is impossible to determine how much gold this bottle contains prior to melting the contents, I would suggest that you send about an ounce or more of clean gold to go with this shipment in order that your deposit will have a weight of at least two full ounces of gold.

It is also necessary that deposits be accompanied by a letter of advice before they are entered for treatment and this letter should also contain information as to the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

June 29, 1922

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 15th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 27th inst. in which you announce the forwarding to this institution of about 25 ounces of silver to be combined with your rejected deposit of June 2nd, I have to advise that upon receipt here your silver weighs 37.54 troy ounces but I regret to say that this is not sufficient to offset the deficiency in the precious metals existing in regard to your deposit. Nor am I able to supply this deficiency as suggested by you as the Mint does not sell silver in any amount as you have incorrectly been informed is the case.

To treat your deposit as it now stands would simply cause its rejection a second time with needless expense to you and I would therefore suggest that you send not less than 25 ounces of sterling silver to be added to your lot in order that the total will have one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals.

Your material is being held pending further advice from you in the matter.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

June 29, 1938

Mr. Arthur F. Uhlig,
Room 217 Calumet Building,
4141/2 South Boston,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

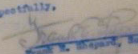
Dear Sir:

Your consignment of June 27th has been received, weighing upon receipt here 89.16 troy ounces and consisting of 40.34 troy ounces of filled ware and 48.82 troy ounces of fair gold.

As I am in doubt that this material will contain one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals, which would cause its rejection after melting if such should prove to be the case, I would suggest that you send from 5 to 10 ounces of sterling silver to be added to these two lots - your filled ware, as you probably know, containing considerably more base metal than gold.

In view of the fact that each consignment must have a value of at least \$100.00, I would suggest that you send some additional gold if you have any doubt that your material will contain that value.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

June 29, 1922

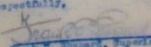
Mrs. William Chapland,
Wills, Wyoming, Box 23

Dear Madam:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.26 troy ounces, has been received unaccompanied by a letter of advice - such letter being necessary before deposits are entered on our books for treatment.

In this connection you are advised that deposits of mining gold, in order to be acceptable at the Mint, must have a weight of at least two full troy ounces. If you can send enough gold to make up the deficiency, I shall be glad to have you do so. If this is not convenient, however, please send the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this metal to you.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

QM:T

June 30, 1932

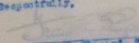
Mr. E. C. Carothers,
Brokenbow, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the pannings and dental scrap recently forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 12½¢ of the 20¢ enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 7½¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7
Enclosure

June 30, 1932

Mr. Earl McHenry,
Grangeville, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request, I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small consignment of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 11¢ of the twenty five cents forwarded by you for that purpose and returning herewith 14¢ in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T
Enclosure

DAVENPORT JUNE 30, 1932

NATIONAL REFINERS
DAVENPORT IOWA

DUE TO ANNUAL AUDIT BY SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE PAYMENT ALL
DEPOSITS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT JUNE TWENTY SECOND DEFERRED JULY FIRST.
CHECK WILL BE MAILED THEREAFTER PROMPTLY POSSIBLE.



Superintendent Mint

Collect charges at Davenport

June 30, 1932

Mr. Tryon Jones,
221 Carey Avenue,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 28th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this mint for purchase, using $2\frac{1}{2}$ of the 11/2 in post-
enclosure with your letter for that purpose and returned you herewith 11/2 in stamps to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Whipple, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

June 30, 1932

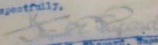
Mrs. Wm. C. Johnston,
1209 Penn Avenue,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 22nd instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 8¢ of the 10¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 1, 1932

Mr. C. E. Dyer,
Hill City Service Station,
Hill City, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering the second paragraph of your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to advise that if by "raw" gold you mean virgin or placer gold, the Mint will purchase same in lots as small as two full troy ounces.

Answering your question as to what metals constituted the base part of your deposit, certificate No. 3220, June 20th, please be advised that such assays are not carried out beyond gold and silver determinations and I am therefore unable to give you the desired information in respect thereto.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 1, 1922

Mr. D. P. Belan,
Golden, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that the Mint does not make assays of mineral bearing ores. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at the following charges, each sample:

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

July 1, 1922

Mr. John F. McCall,
Arcade, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 29th, please be advised that application for new or unrecirculated coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

This Mint is now preparing to manufacture the new quarters commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington but these coins will not be available for probably two weeks. We have on hand a stock of one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage of 1909-2.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:7
Enclosure

July 1, 1932

Mr. Daniel Sheehan,
901 Keegan Street,
Miami, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 28th ultimo, I have to advise that if your silver will have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to at least one-half of its weight, it may be forwarded here to the Mint for purchase. A letter of advice covering the shipment is appended.

Respectfully,

Frank J. Sheehan, Superintendent

CH:T

July 1, 1932

Mr. Arthur J. Trumbull
1280 Ford Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of June 27th ultimo, you are advised that the following uncirculated notes of this Mint's manufacture are now available for distribution:

Gold Coins

Double Eagles - 1876-1886-1887-1921
Eagles - 1914
Half Eagles - 1909

Silver Coins

Standard Silver Dollars - 1921-1922-1925-1926
Half Dollars - 1922
Quarter Dollars - 1922-1929
Dimes - 1922-1931

Minor coins

Nickels - 1922
One-cent Bronze - 1920-1931-1932

We are now preparing to coin the new twenty-five cent pieces celebrating the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of George Washington but these coins will not be available for distribution for probably two weeks.

In order to obtain any of these new coins, your application should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. McGuff, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

July 1, 1933

Mr. W. C. Gethardt,
Calles Guaymas #44,
Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 28th ultimo, you are advised that placer and virgin gold are accepted in lots as small as two troy ounces, each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice.

The Mint pays \$20.67 per troy ounce for all pure gold contained in deposits, deducting from the proceeds a melting charge of \$1.00 and a nominal treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained.

Payment is usually made the third day after the receipt of the deposit at this institution making due allowance for intervening Sundays and other holidays.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

WST

July 1, 1932

Mr. L. G. Canning,
225 East 4th Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo and have to advise that the Mint purchases old gold, including dental scrap, in amount of \$100.00 or more when the deposit contains a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material, for which payment is made at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less melting charges of \$1.00 and a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of other metals contained in such material.

If you are inexperienced in judging the value of old jewelry and dental scrap, I would advise you to be very careful and endeavor to inform yourself as far as possible regarding the gold contained in such material from some one who is capable of advising you relative to such matters.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Stamped envelope returned

July 1, 1922

Mr. L. C. Osborn,
Santa Rita, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter and consignment under date of the 28th ultimo, I have to advise that your gold upon receipt here weight 1.24 troy ounces which is a trifle under the very minimum the regulations permit us to accept, which is two full troy ounces of gold.

I would suggest that you send about 10/100 or 16/100 more of gold to be added to this lot, if possible, in order that it may be purchased from you. In the event this is not convenient, however, your gold will be returned you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

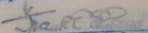
July 1, 1922

Horsman Jewelry Company,
Pierce Street at Fifth,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

Referring again to your consignment at this institution and your second shipment consisting of silver and gold which were added to your rejected bar, I have to advise that it has again failed to meet the requirements of the Mint, the base metal content thereof exceeding the maximum amount which deposits may contain in order to be acceptable for purchase. Accordingly a melting charge of \$1.00 has been imposed thereon which amount you are requested to forward at your earliest convenience, after the receipt of which your bullion may be re-estimated if you will forward not less than 20 ounces of sterling silver to reduce the high base metal content which your material now contains.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 2, 1932

Mr. M. D. Kendis,
214 South Ohio Street,
Sedalia, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering the second paragraph of your letter of the 30th ultimo, I have to advise that the Mint never sells silver in any quantity and I would therefore be unable to supply you any silver to make up the deficiency of that metal in any deposits although I should be glad to do so if it were feasible and the regulations so permitted.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 2, 1933

Mr. B. B. Meier,
General Delivery,
Granby, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo, you are advised that virgin or placer gold may be forwarded here for purchase when free from sand, rock or other foreign substances, in lots of two full troy ounces and over.

Shipment may be made by registered mail or insured parcel post, if it is not convenient for the depositor to deliver his metal to the Mint in person.

Amalgam must have all the mercury driven off before being delivered to the Mint. Each consignment forwarded by mail must be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 8, 1932

The Colorado State Bank,
Canon City, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request of the 29th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small
amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase,
using 11¢ of the 20¢ in postage enclosed with your letter
for that purpose and returning herewith 2¢ in stamps to
balance,

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 5, 1932

Mr. W. W. Roberts, Publisher,
The Post-Independent
Berwood, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 15th ultimo,
I have returned to you by insured parcel post the small
piece of gold forwarded by you to the Mint for purchase,
using $6\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter
for that purpose and returning $6\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in stamps herewith to
balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to
you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CHW
Enclosure

July 5, 1933

Southwest Smelting & Refining Company,
108 East Tenth Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing draft for \$5.00 to cover melting and assay charges on gold and silver bars forwarded by you and have to advise that your material upon receipt here weight 501.13 troy ounces instead of 493 ounces as stated by you.

In this connection I have to advise that if it is your desire to sell this material to the Mint, the melting and treatment charges will be deducted from the proceeds of this bullion and are not collected in advance.

Our melting charges are \$1.00 for all deposits up to and including 1000 ounces and the treatment charges are based upon the amount of base metal contained in deposits, which can only be determined after your material has been melted and assayed to determine its pure gold and silver content and the amount of base metal included.

I also have to advise that a preliminary examination of this material indicates that it will require the inclusion of not less than 25 ounces of sterling silver to give it the necessary proportion of precious metals - the regulations requiring the rejection of all deposits having 800 or more parts out of a possible 1000 in base metals.

I am therefore returning your draft No. 10478 for \$5.00 and have to request that you will advise me as to your wishes in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 6, 1938

Mr. Nick Tegrebe,
724 Third Street,
Havre, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant, you
are advised that the Mint does not buy black sand.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 5, 1932

Mr. S. H. Woods,
Hurley, New Mexico. Box 542

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter and consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, please be advised that your two buttons upon receipt here weigh 1.73 troy ounces which is under the minimum weight accepted by the Mint for purchase - the limit being two full troy ounces.

If you can send the necessary amount to bring the weight of your material up to two full troy ounces, or over, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 6, 1922

Mr. Eugene L. Payne,
Craig, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer or virgin gold when sent in lots having a weight of two troy ounces and over and it will be necessary for you to retort your amalgam and drive off all mercury before forwarding same to the Mint. A letter of advice should accompany each consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1933

Mr. Arthur M. Haffziger,
Deer Creek, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 30th ultimo, I regret that I am unable to send you the names of any reliable dealers in old coins.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 6, 1932

Mr. Joseph Rodgers,
1729 Lincoln Terrace,
Peekskill, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 29th ultimo, you are advised that this institution is now coining the new twenty-five cent piece known as the George Washington Bicentennial anniversary coin and specimens may be obtained in about two weeks upon application to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D.C., as per the enclosed circular.

The Mint does not manufacture proof coins, however, and only uncirculated pieces may be obtained.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1932

Mr. M. P. Claycomb,
Gunnison, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 1st instant you are advised that the Mint will purchase gold and silver when combined or gold alone, paying therefor \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver. Flaser or virgin gold is purchased in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces, and articles of manufactured or fabricated gold in lots having a value of \$100.00 and over and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. No other precious metals are purchased by the Mint.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on all deposits up to 1000 ounces or fraction thereof, and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained.

If you contemplate shipping any filled ware, the more high-grade silver with which you can accompany each material, the lower the treatment charge will be. A letter of advice must accompany each consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:3

July 6, 1932

Mr. George Eadin,
314 Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 30th ultimo, I
would suggest that you forward one pound of high-grade
silver for each pound of gold-filled ware.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 6, 1932

Mr. F. C. Coffey, President,
State Bank of Burden,
Burden, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that if the silver to which you refer consists of burned coin which can be readily established as burned coin, it may be forwarded here for purchase at its bullion value - the price being the New York market quotation for silver, less the fractions. If it is not coin silver, however, the Mint could not purchase it from you.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1922

Mr. A. Ch. Reisz,
506 Oak Street,
Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover you will receive our Assayer's assay certificate on the ring recently forwarded by you to this institution and this letter is to advise you that 18 karat gold should have a gold content of 750 thousandths out of a possible 1000 assay parts; whereas, you will note that the gold content of the ring forwarded by you has only 744 thousandths.

I am unable to advise you as to what recourse you may have against the concern from which you bought these rings and who represented them to be 18-karat, other than to suggest that you deal with some one else in the future if you are dissatisfied in your relations with this concern.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 6, 1932

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

I have this day to acknowledge the receipt, via
Railway Express Agency, Inc., government bill of lading
No. T-155708, of the following dies:

5 - Obverse Quarter dollar dies, Nos. 86 - 90
5 - Reverse " " " " " 86 - 90

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 6, 1932

Mrs. A. C. Cable,
Haw River, North Carolina.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 2nd instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase mining gold when sent in lots weighing two troy ounces and over, although if sent in much larger quantities the consignment must also have a minimum gold content of one-fifth of its weight.

The Mint pays at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, deducting from the proceeds the melting and treatment charges applying on deposits of the character received.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 6, 1932

Mr. Fred E. Eggers,
2717 Clifton Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 4th instant, I have to advise that during the current year this institution has manufactured the one-cent bronze piece and is now manufacturing the new twenty-five cent piece, known as the George Washington Bicentennial anniversary quarter.

Specimens of the one-cent bronze piece may be obtained at the present time and the 25¢ piece in approximately one month from date, application for either of which should be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 6, 1932

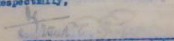
Mr. C. R. Seapy,
Great Divide, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Regarding your small consignment under date of the 29th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 41/100 of a troy ounce, I regret to say that I am unable to purchase this small amount of gold as the regulations do not permit me to accept such deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces.

If you are unable to forward an additional amount to bring the weight of your material up to the required weight of two troy ounces, kindly send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 6, 1932

A. Quint & Company,
5 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I am forwarding you under separate cover our Assayer's certificate of assay of your three wrist watchcases, which you will note have a gold content of $537\frac{1}{2}$ assay parts of gold out of a possible 1000. 537.36 thousandths assay parts equal 14-karat gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

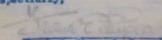
July 6, 1932

Ryan's Jewelry Store,
Attention: Mr. A. Ch. Reisz,
506 Oak Street,
Barraboo, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Answering your note of recent date, I have to advise that the gold nuggets resulting from melting of fabricated gold are not purchased in lots having a value under \$100.00 and if you can add enough gold to the nuggets mentioned by you to give your shipment that value with a precious metal content equal to approximately one fourth of the weight of the material, it may be forwarded here for purchase.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

DENVER JULY 7, 1932

FRANK ZAITE
LEADVILLE COLORADO.

CHECK MAILED YESTERDAY TO KALLOPS PLACER GOLD MINING COMPANY
YOUR CARE.

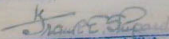

Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at Leadville

DENVER JULY 7, 1932

GEORGE KADIN COMPANY
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

ALL WORK ON DEPOSITS SUSPENDED JUNE TWENTYTHIRD TO JULY FIRST
ACCOUNT ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT. CHECKS MAILED YOU JULY FIRST AND FIFTH.
ANOTHER WILL BE FORWARDED TODAY. ACCOMPLISHING PAYMENTS FAST AS
POSSIBLE.


Superintendent Mint

Collect Charges at Milwaukee

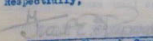
July 7, 1932

Caroline Misonger,
737 East 16th Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old
coins in any manner and I am therefore unable to give
you any information regarding the coins mentioned by
you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

July 7, 1932

Mr. Albert Edmund,
Rapid City, South Dakota. Box 958

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that gold dust may be forwarded to the Mint for purchase when practically free from sand, rock, or other foreign substances, in amount having a weight of two full troy ounces or more, for which the Mint will pay \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained in the gold. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 7, 1932

First National Bank,
Nogales, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment No. 16032 under date of the 2nd instant for the account of G. Fernandez H. San Javier, Sonora, please be advised that in view of the fact that the Mint does not purchase silver bullion at the present time and the gold content of the bar shipped by you is very small, it will be necessary for you to send five or ten ounces of good gold to be added to this bar in order that it may be classed as gold bullion.

I am holding your bar without treatment therefore until advised by you in the premises and have to request that you will let me hear from you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:7

July 8, 1932

Kennicott-Patterson Warehouse Corporation,
Box 5124 Terminal Station, Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find 70¢ in stamps to cover drayage as per your invoice No. C-31872 of the 6th instant, your contract for such hauling having expired at the close of June 30th, 1932.

In accordance with my telephone request to your office, kindly refrain from further hauling to the Mint, unless specifically requested by the Mint to do so.

The ~~annual~~ contract for hauling has been awarded to the Weicker Transfer Company at the following rates:

Misc. items not over 500 lbs., min. charge	\$0.30
Misc. " over 500 lbs., per cwt.	.07
Sweeps in bags, per cwt.	.04
Copper in carload lots, per cwt.,	.04

Respectfully,

Frank L. Shepard
Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7
Enclosure

July 8, 1932

Mr. J. M. Piercol, Jr.,
Suite 816 Trademans National Bank Building.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

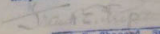
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens but such work can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, for each sample,

Gold	-	\$1.00	Copper	-	\$2.00
Silver	-	1.00	Zinc	-	2.00
Lead	-	1.50			

Assays of the platinum group metals can not be made by that office and it is contrary to the policy of the Government to recommend any outside firms in this connection.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 8, 1932

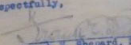
Allen B. Harrelson,
Akanda, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens and it will be necessary for you to have determinations for the platinum group metals made by some outside firm and it is not the policy of the Government to recommend private firms or dealers.

Gold, silver and copper determinations can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge for each sample of \$1.00 for silver and \$2.00 for copper.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:W

July 8, 1932

Mr. Charles L. Amer,
P. O. Box 811,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th instant and have to advise that check in payment of your deposit at this institution was mailed you on July 5th and no doubt has reached you by this time.

In explanation of the delay in making settlement of your deposit, I have to state that all consignments received after June 22nd to July 1st were held without treatment on account of the ~~unusual circumstances~~ at this institution and it was therefore necessary to defer payment until after the latter date on all deposits received during that period, and until proper amount of payment had been determined.

Regretting the delay in making payment and any inconvenience caused thereby, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

July 8, 1932

Mr. S. C. Brink,
Mission, Todd County, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

July 8, 1932

Mr. S. C. Bing,
Mission, Todd County, South Dakota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 6th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase dental scrap gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

July 8, 1932

Mr. S. J. Adams,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 6th instant and have to advise that the purported \$10 bill enclosed by you is a counterfeit and in accordance with the regulations I have turned it over to Mr. Rowland K. Goddard, Secret Service Operative in this city who no doubt will advise with you concerning same at an early date.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

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July 8, 1932

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
Operative in Charge,
U. S. Secret Service,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am enclosing herewith letter and alleged \$10
bill for your attention in the premises - the writer of
this letter having been advised of this action.

Respectfully,

~~Special Agent in Charge~~ Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

July 8, 1932

Mr. J. H. Coffman,
Maurita, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your small consignment under date of the 5th instant, which you state weighs approximately 3.29 ounces, I have to state that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 2.96 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat it, I would request that you advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Sincerely,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 8, 1932

Mr. Joseph A. Mohr,
19 Baker Place,
West New Brighton, S. I.
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that the following uncirculated coins of this Mint's manufacture are now available for distribution in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed circular:

Gold Coins
Double Eagles - 1914
Eagles - 1909
Half Eagles - 1909

Silver Coins
Standard Silver Dollars - 1921-1922-1926-1927
Half Dollars - 1929
Quarter Dollars - 1928-1929
Dimes - 1929-1931

Minor Coins
Nickels - 1929
Cents - 1920-1931-1932

This Mint is now manufacturing the new quarter dollar, known as the George Washington Bicentennial anniversary quarter which will be available for distribution in about one month and may be obtained in the same manner as the above.

Respectfully,

OW:7
Enclosure

Page 1 of 2

July 8, 1932

Mr. Clifford H. ...
2321 Bath Ave.,
Ashland, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I would be very glad to send you the information requested in your letter of the 4th instant but can not take the responsibility of advising you to proceed to any place with the prospect of finding a placer claim as wherever gold is known to be, all available ground has been taken up and while undoubtedly there are localities containing gold which have not yet been discovered, it is impossible to suggest where one could go to look for them.

The Mint does not ~~have~~ ~~contact with~~ ~~any~~ ~~person~~ in a way that would be possible to obtain any information as to what help they might need. I therefore regret that in this instance also I do not see how it would be possible for me to be of any assistance to you.

As you are evidently very desirous of obtaining work and willing to do your best to find it, I hope you will be successful.

Respectfully,

W. E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

July 8, 1932

Mr. J. R. McFarren,
Harsland, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry regarding the Washington Bicentennial Quarter Dollar, you are advised that the manufacture of this coin has just been begun at this institution and the same will be available for distribution in about one month from date.

All applications for uncirculated coins should be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C., in accordance with the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasury, as soon as these coins are ready for distribution, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired new coins.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure
Stamp returned

July 8, 1932

Hakan Jewelry Company,
27 East 13th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant, I have to advise that check for \$391.40 was mailed you on July 6th in payment of your deposit of June 27th.

I regret that there has been considerable delay in making payment for your consignment and this has been due to the fact that from June 23rd to July 1st all work on deposits was suspended on account of our annual settlement and the large number of deposits ~~deposited~~ during that interval occasioned considerable delay after July 1st in accomplishing payment.

I trust the delay has not caused you any undue inconvenience and that you have now received the check in question.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 9, 1922

Mr. J. C. Tammes,
Hahns Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment of the 25th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 7.30 troy ounces, consisting of wet amalgam, has been received and I regret that I can not purchase this material as the Mint does not accept amalgam.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this shipment will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 9, 1952

Mr. Walter A. Anderson,
322 Baker Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 6th instant,
please be advised that upon receipt of the necessary
postage and insurance the \$5/100 of an ounce of gold
forwarded by you to this institution will be returned you-
the Mint having no funds out of which such postage could
be paid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 9, 1932

Mr. George A. Harris,
McCoy, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your joint letter with Mr. E. Moninger under date of the 28th ultimo in which you request your consignment be combined and separate returns made thereon, you are advised that deposits in order to be acceptable for purchase and separate returns must each have a minimum weight of two full troy ounces of gold, under which conditions I am unable to advise you of the value of your gold and that forwarded by Mr. Moninger, although these two lots could be combined and one check forwarded you in payment.

In this connection I have to advise that your eight buttons weigh 1.45 troy ounces and Mr. Moninger's material 2.39 troy ounces, the last named containing considerable foreign matter.

Awaiting the receipt of further instructions from you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:R
Carbon copy to Mr. Moninger

July 9, 1932

Mr. James H. Carpenter,
Atlantic City, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 6th instant for the account of Mr. John B. Beardman, c/o The Beardman Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, I have to advise that your return upon receipt here weighs 25.26 troy ounces and your small lot of amalgam 37/100 of a troy ounce, instead of 103 ounces and 1 ounce, respectively, as stated by you. As both of these lots are very wet, I presume that considerable of this difference in weight is due to their drying out, but have to request that you will advise me if the weights as received here are satisfactory to you before proceeding to treat this bullion.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

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cc to Mr. Beardman

July 9, 1922

Taylor-Raymond,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside label, valued by you at \$60, and have to advise that no deposits are received for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advising how are deposits of manufactured gold accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 - the regulations placing the minimum at that amount.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your gold will be returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 9, 1928

Mr. M. J. Beyer,
1811 - 16th Avenue,
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of rock forwarded by you to this institution for test and report, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material. Reliable work of this kind, however, may be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, for each sample. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send us the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 2, 1932

Mr. Stephen Miller,
West Fork, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of rock forwarded by you to this Mint for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 per gold and .50c per silver, each sample. Money order for the proper amount must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the material you have forwarded here, kindly send us the necessary postage and insurance for that purpose, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

July 9, 1938

Mr. Walter Lemke,
Route C,
Hooker, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of sand forwarded by you to this institution for analysis, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, for each sample. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send on the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 9, 1932

Mr. Felix G. Murphy,
Moab, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under A-N of the 6th instant, please be advised that the regulations do not permit us to accept mining gold in lots having a weight under two full tray ounces of gold and I am therefore unable to purchase the 1.88 tray ounces forwarded by you.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this gold will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ENIT

July 9, 1932

Mr. Joe Ballents,
Hahns Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment of the 20th ultimo, weighing upon receipt here 3.56 troy ounces and consisting of amalgam has been received and I regret to say that I am unable to purchase this material as the Mint does not accept amalgam for treatment.

If you desire this shipment may be turned over to Darlington & Parker, 1701 Lawrence Street, or Earl Hancock, Mack Building, this city for purchase and returns direct to you but in order to do so it will be necessary for you to send me a letter of authority to deliver this material to one of the foregoing dealers and to release the Mint from any responsibility for the returns which you may receive for your gold as the Mint accepts no responsibility in such matters and never recommends any outside dealers.

Anticipating your reply, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 9, 1933

Mr. C. F. Drake, *Cashier 1st W/3*
Banknote, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant enclosing check for \$1.25 for which you request five new 1932 quarters of the regular design, and have to advise that to date this Mint has not manufactured any of these quarters during the calendar year. We are now preparing to issue the new quarter bearing the Washington design but these will not be ready for distribution for nearly a month.

Application for all new coins must be made to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circular.

I am returning your check herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS
Enclosure

July 9, 1932

Mr. Chas Stamer,
Ruston, Louisiana. Route 2

Dear Sir:

Referring to the sample of rock forwarded by you to this institution for assay, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to do work of this kind. Reliable assays, however, can be made for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. By order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance, otherwise it will be thrown away.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

July 2, 1932

Mr. C. W. Hedgcock,
249 South College Avenue,
Fort Collins, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this mint for purchase, using $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 2% in postage and the insurance certificate enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning $\frac{1}{2}\%$ in postage herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

GM:G
Enclosure

July 9, 1922

Mr. Frank T. Johnson,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 27th ultimo,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post
the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for
purchase, using 18¢ of the 20¢ in postage enclosed with
your letter for that purpose and returning a two-cent stamp
herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance
to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK,T
Enclosure

July 9, 1932

Mr. Boone Hawes,
Willcox, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 2nd instant I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small bottle of brass forwarded by you to this institution, using 8¢ of the 15¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 7¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 9, 1932

Mr. August Marsch,
Wabasha, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 2nd instant I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the gold nuggets forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 8¢ of the 10¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith a two-cent stamp to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

ON: T
Enclosure

July 9, 1932

Mr. C. M. Wood,
338 Blake Street,
Salida, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 1st instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the 10% in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T
Enclosure

July 11, 1932

Mr. D. E. Peavey,
305 East Fifth Street,
Burkburnett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 7th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your two packages of scrap gold have a total weight of 10.55 troy ounces, instead of 5700 grains (12 ounces) as stated by you, and before proceeding to treat this material I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank C. Shepard, Superintendent

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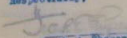
July 11, 1932

Mr. D. R. Peery,
323 East Fifth Street,
Barkburnett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 7th instant, please be advised that upon receipt here your two packages of scrap gold have a total weight of 10.53 troy ounces, instead of 5700 grains (12 ounces) as stated by you, and before proceeding to treat this material I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found at the Mint is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank S. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 11, 1932

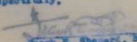
Mr. F. W. Thorne,
Night Hawk, Washington,

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant, you are advised that an assay of gold dust will cost you \$3.00 for gold or \$4.00 for gold and silver determinations - money order for the proper amount to accompany your sample - which sample should be about one thimblefull.

As the United States Assay Office at Seattle does work of this kind, I would suggest that you send your sample to that institution, it being considerably nearer you than the Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 11, 1932

Mr. Lee Davis,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of recent date, I am returning you herewith the mining lease from Minton S. Donagan to L. A. Davis, bearing date of April 10, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

July 11, 1932

Mr. E. L. Simms,
Fairbury, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your postal card of the 9th instant, I regret to advise you that the Mint cannot purchase old gold in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OR:T

July 11, 1902

Mr. L. L. Bureau,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase gold in the form of manufactured articles when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less a charge of \$1.00 for melting and a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 11, 1932

The Army and Navy Commission,
251 Fourth Avenue, *of the Episcopal Church,*
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Answering the letter of your secretary under date of the 6th instant, please be advised that only the one-cent bronze pieces of the coinage 1930-1931-1932 of this institution are now available, and these may be obtained only upon application to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D.C. as per the enclosed circulars.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 11, 1932

Mr. Harry Lodge,
Merrill, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the \$2.00 in currency enclosed with your letter of the 8th instant and have to advise that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing specimens. Reliable work of this kind, however, can be done for you by the United States Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$.50 for silver, and I would suggest that you take the matter up with that office. There are no commercial smelters now located in Denver, the nearest being that of the American Smelting & Refining Company at Leadville, Colorado, or Omaha, Nebraska.

If you desire the return of the sample which you state you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS
Enclosure

July 11, 1922

Mr. Charles Mascoff,
727 West 6th Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles is not accepted by the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a pure gold content of less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, for which the Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$2.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained. Consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice in all cases.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS

July 11, 1932

Mr. Henry F. Steele,
1651 Harrison Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, I regret to say that I am unable to give you the premium value on any of the gold coins mentioned by you as the Mint does not deal in old coins in any manner and such information could be obtained only from some reliable coin collector - the Mint not having the addresses of any such dealers.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 11, 1932

The First National Bank,
Attention: Mr. Donald McInnes, Ass't Cashier,
Boulder, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 9th inst., please
be advised that you are correct in your understanding that
raw or virgin gold is not accepted by the Mint in lots
having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

July 11, 1932

Mr. E. B. Baskin
829 North Jefferson Street,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and in reply have to advise that deposits upon receipt here are checked as to their weight by two employees and as our scales are tested for accuracy each day and if not found true are adjusted, I have no doubt that the weight as shown on the memorandum of returns received by you is correct.

I am very glad to check the weights on your material and have to advise that a re-assay confirms the original assay on which payment was made and it does not appear therefore that an error was made regarding the fineness of your bullion.

The charges imposed on your deposit are made up as follows: melting charge, \$1.00, parting and alloy charges 70¢, and as your material contained 228 of white gold alloys, the additional \$1.00 was imposed as provided in the table of charges to which you refer, making a total charge of \$2.70.

In this connection I have to advise that deposits consisting of various articles and finenesses are not assayed and valued separately but are put all together into the crucible and melted - the resultant bar being assayed by two different assayers who must agree as to the fineness contained. If agreeing assays are not found, the bar is remelted, the metal being stirred during each melt and thoroughly mixed.

The latest fineness stamped on jewelry is by no means an accurate guide as to the pure gold content and only an assay as made by the Mint will correctly determine the amount of pure gold and silver contained in such articles.

The memorandum of returns enclosed by you is herewith returned you.

Respectfully,

Frank K. Shepard, Superintendent

WHS
Enclosure

DEVELOP July 18, 1932

D. SHANE
THIRTYEEN FORTY TWO SEVENTH STREET
DES MOINES IOWA.

MINT WILL PURCHASE OLD SCRAP GOLD IN LOTS HAVING VALUE ONE
HUNDRED DOLLARS OR OVER WITH PRECIOUS METAL CONTENT EQUAL TO NOT LESS
THAN ONE FIFTH OF WEIGHT OF DEPOSIT.

Superintendent MINT

Collect Charges at Des Moines

July 12, 1932

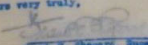
Mr. E. J. Wager,
C/o L. R. Deadrich,
1214 Central Bank Building,
Oakland, California.

Dear Mr. Wager:

Enclosed please find letters from the Director
of the Mint relative to the annual settlement at San Francisco.

I trust you are speedily recovering your health
and all your friends here at the Mint send you their kindest
regards which, of course, includes mine.

Yours very truly,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 12, 1932

Mr. E. G. McGovern,
1621 South 11th East,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 9th instant, which you state weighs 15 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold has a weight of 10.15 troy ounces, and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

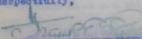
July 12, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find contract No. 65
duly approved by the Director of the Mint for
telephone service at this institution for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1933.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

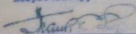
July 12, 1932

Mr. F. L. McCune,
Longford, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, which you state weighs $14\frac{1}{2}$ ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold has a weight of 12.38 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 12, 1932

Mr. Otto Schmidt,
908 Franklin Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 9th instant and your request on envelope to have payment reach you by Friday as you are leaving on that date for Chicago, I have to advise that owing to the large number of deposits being received and the accumulation on hand, it will be impossible for me to mail you your check to reach you on the above date. If you will promptly forward me your address in Chicago, the check will be mailed to you in that city.

Respectfully,


Frank A. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 12, 1932

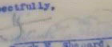
Mr. Clarence S. Todd,
403 Charlotte Street,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of recent date, I have to advise that the Mint does not sell old coins received from individuals and the banks but remelts same for recoinage, all of which coins are promptly melted upon receipt.

So far as I am aware there are no restrictions in trading in old United States coins, provided, no attempt is made to pass any from which any metal has been taken or to which any has been added.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 12, 1932

Mr. B. F. Epperson,
543 Robinson Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 9th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over and a pure gold content equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Should your material contain much filled ware, it will be necessary to include sufficient high-grade silver as an offset to the base metal contained in such material.

Kindly accompany any consignments you may send here with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

July 12, 1932

The Merchants Bank,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Attention: Mr. L. H. Cary
Active Vice President

Dear Sirs:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 9th instant, which you state weighs 83½ ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighs 75.85 troy ounces, and owing to this discrepancy have to request that you will advise me promptly if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank L. Shepard, Superintendent

GN:T

July 12, 1932

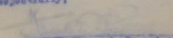
Mrs. V. C. Waller,
209 South State Street,
Camey, Kansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that no one has been authorized to purchase gold for the Government although the Mint does purchase such material when sent here in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 and when the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit - paying therefor \$20.27 for each troy ounce of pure gold, after deducting \$1.00 for melting and a small treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

I presume you could purchase scales for weighing gold from the Denver Fire Clay Company, 1742 Champa Street, this city, or William Ainsworth & Son, scale manufacturers of this city, or from any reliable dealer in assayers' supplies.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

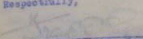
July 12, 1932

Southwest Smelting & Refining Company,
108 East Tenth Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant in which you request me to remove as many ounces of filled gold contained in your recent shipment as would permit the balance to meet the requirements of the Mint, or return the entire shipment to you by express, please be advised that I deem it best to return the entire consignment, which has been done this day by Railway Express, charges collect.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 12, 1922

Mr. A. J. Martin,
40 North Chadbourne,
San Angelo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that I am unable to comply with your request to purchase the gold contained in your rejected bar at this institution, the regulations not permitting the purchase of deposits having a value under \$100.00, and your bar will be returned you by express, collect, or by insured parcel post, if you will send me the necessary instructions as to the manner in which you wish it returned, and if by the latter method, kindly send the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 12, 1932

Mr. William C. Angine,
414 Live Oak Street,
Miami, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that the small amount of amalgam grains forwarded by you under date of the 8th instant, which weigh upon receipt here 25/100 of a troy ounce, is insufficient for purchase by the Mint - the regulations not permitting the purchase of deposits having a weight under two full troy ounces of gold. You are therefore requested to forward me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these grains to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Barbara
Acting Superintendent

62.2

July 12, 1932

Mr. August Brice,
 Mineral Springs Avenue,
 Canton, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the material recently forwarded by you to this institution, I have to advise that this is believed to be decomposed granite or mica and therefore of no value, although the Mint does not make analyses of such material.

Kindly forward me the necessary postage for the return of this material to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Da. M. Ch.
 Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 12, 1922

Western Gold & Platinum Works,
 Mr. David C. Davis, President,
 889 Bryant Street, San Francisco.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 7th instant in regard to your deposit received here June 23rd, I have to advise that payment for this deposit was mailed you on the 6th instant and no doubt it has been received by you at this time.

I have to advise that the delay in forwarding you these proceeds of your deposit was due to the fact that all operations were suspended at this institution from June 22nd to July 1st on account of our annual settlement, no deposits being treated until after July 1st and owing to the great accumulation of deposits it was impossible to accomplish payment at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
 Acting Superintendent

July 12, 1932

U.S. Second Hand Store,
Mr. Paul Judd,
227 South Arkansas Street,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 5th instant in regard to your deposit received here about June 29th, I have to advise that payment for this deposit was mailed you on the 6th instant and no doubt it has been received by you at this time.

I have to advise that the delay in forwarding you these proceeds of your deposit was due to the fact that all operations were suspended at this institution from June 22nd to July 1st on account of our annual settlement, no deposits being treated until after July 1st and owing to the great accumulation of deposits, it was impossible to accomplish payment at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

B. A. Kinnick
Acting Superintendent

July 12, 1932

Mr. R. W. Nibbs,
Alamo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment, weighing 4.67
troy ounces, and bearing your name on the outside but to
date have not received from you a letter of advice per-
taining thereto.

As the regulations require that a letter of
advice be received before deposits may be entered on
our books for treatment, I have to request that you will
write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

D. A. Kincaid
Acting Superintendent

CH:F

July 12, 1932

Huff's Jewelry Store,
Roswell, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

Regarding your consignment under date of the 7th instant, which has a gross weight of 33.54 troy ounces, 26.15 troy ounces of which consists of filled ware which contains very little gold, I have to advise that deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00 and in order to comply with the regulations of the Mint, I would suggest that you send some additional gold having a value of approximately \$20.00 to be added to your deposit to give it the required minimum value.

Please advise me concerning this matter at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH.T

July 12, 1932

State Bank of Burden,
Burden, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

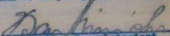
Referring to your consignment under date of the 8th instant, I have to advise that the metal forwarded by you is apparently lead or pewter and not melted silver coin as believed by you to be the case.

Please forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this metal to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

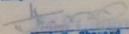
July 13, 1932

Mr. Richard C. Waters,
2641 Federal Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Waters:

Enclosed please find application for annuity on account of your retirement which I have to request you will sign on page 2 with your full name, "Richard C. Waters", placing thereon your street address and city - this to be signed in the presence of a Notary Public and two witnesses, each of whom must give his address - and then return this application to me.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 13, 1932

Mr. F. W. Brienell,
Pinedale, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant and the samples forwarded by you which you desire to have analyzed for gold and uranium, I have to advise that the Mint does not make assays of this kind, although the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, could make an analysis for you to determine the gold content of your sample at a charge of \$1.00 for each sample - money order for that amount to accompany your samples. This office, however, could not make any uranium determinations.

Your samples are returned you herewith.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard
Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CHIT
Enclosure

July 13, 1932

Mr. William E. Dardis,
1427 Humboldt Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Dardis:

Enclosed please find application for annuity on account of your retirement which I have to request you will sign on page 2 with your full name, "William E. Dardis", placing thereon your street address and city - this to be signed in the presence of a Notary Public and two witnesses, each of whom must give his address - and then return this application to me.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 17, 1932

Mr. Frank T. Johnston,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your postal card of the 9th instant, stating that you had not received the retorts, amalgam and dental bridge forwarded by you to this institution for purchase, I have to advise that this material was returned to you by insured parcel post on the 8th instant and no doubt has reached you by this time.

In explanation of this delay, please be advised that all operations at the Mint were suspended from June 22nd to July 1st on account of our annual settlement and owing to the great accumulation of deposits, it was impossible to return your consignment at an earlier date.

Regretting the delay in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 13, 1932

Mr. J. B. Teliard,
1616 Seymour Avenue,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 7th instant and have to advise that upon receipt here your metal weighed 89/100 of a troy ounce, the weight being checked by two different employees and that amount was returned you on June 16th, the contents and weight being again checked in the same manner.

As explained to you in my letter of May 24th, the regulations require that deposits of manufactured gold shall have a minimum value of \$100.00 and it is not within my discretion to accept any amount which may be forwarded here for purchase. It is therefore not a matter of being particular myself but it is incumbent upon me to comply with the law as prescribed by act of Congress which I have no authority to waive.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 13, 1932

Mrs. Ellen Mitchell,
2227 Yew Street,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Madam:

I have your small consignment and letter under date of the 9th instant, your material weighing upon receipt here 59/100 of a troy ounce, and I regret exceedingly to have to advise you that the regulations of the Treasury Department do not permit me to accept deposits of old gold having a value under \$100.00 or I should be only too glad to pay you for the gold contained in your material.

While the Mint does not make a practice of turning over small deposits to outside dealers, in view of the circumstances expressed in your letter, I shall be glad to do so in this instance to either Carl Blaurock, Mack Building, this city, or to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, also in this city, with instructions to make returns direct to you. It must be understood, however, that the Mint can assume no responsibility for the returns received by you, this action being taken only as a matter of accommodation to you. If you desire me to do this, please designate the dealer to which you desire your material delivered and it will be done promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 14, 1932

Mr. Carlos Sisniega,
Libertad 401,
Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold when sent in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over of gold, paying therefore at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting up to and including 1000 ounces or fraction, and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in such deposits.

Kindly accompany any consignment you may forward here with a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1932

Mr. J. M. Daniel,
117 East 4th Street,
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit. A melting charge of \$2.00 is imposed on all deposits up to and including 1000 ounces or fraction thereof and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces or fraction; also a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Kindly accompany any shipments you may forward here with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1932

Mr. J. A. Lawton,
204 North Ninth Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 12th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00 where the pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

A melting charge of \$1.00 is imposed on all deposits up to and including 1000 ounces of precious metal and 10¢ for each additional 100 ounces of fraction; also a small treatment charge which varies with the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

Kindly accompany any shipments which you may forward here with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclose circular

July 14, 1932

Mr. Rowland K. Goddard,
Operative in Charge,
United States Secret Service,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I am enclosing a letter from the First Security Bank of Rock Springs, Wyoming, together with the alleged coins mentioned therein.

The bank has been advised that you will acknowledge the receipt of these coins and request further information in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:E
Enclosures

July 14, 1932

First Security Bank,
Mr. Glenn D. Wilson, Vice-President
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 13th instant enclosing three alleged coins which I have forwarded to the head of the United States Secret Service in this city and from whom you will receive an acknowledgment within the next few days.

Thanking you for bringing these coins to my attention, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:9

July 14, 1922

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I regret to advise you that your four lots were combined as requested by you, having a gross weight of 681.75 troy ounces, and after melting have been found to contain a considerable excess of base metal and therefore entirely too base for acceptance by the Mint.

It is now necessary for you to send \$1.00 to cover the melting charges on this material and if you desire to reenter it as a deposit, you should forward not less than 90 ounces of silver of coin fineness or over in order to increase the precious metal content of your material, which evidently was of exceedingly low character, the weight after melting being 680.09 troy ounces some of which melting loss can be accounted for by the paper wrappings and stones included therein.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 14, 1932

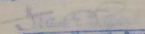
Mr. J. C. Archuleta,
Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note of the 11th instant, you are advised that if the gold to which you refer is placer gold, the Mint will purchase it if forwarded here in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces of gold or over. It should be practically free from sand, rock or other foreign substances and if gathered with mercury, the latter should be distilled off before forwarding the gold to the mint.

Kindly accompany any shipment you may make with a letter of advice, stating the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1932

Mr. A. C. Williams,
P. O. Box 231,
Trenton, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 12th instant, I would suggest that you write to the Kline & Smelter Supply Company or the Hendrie & Helthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company, both in this city, for the supplies desired by you.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T
Enclosure

July 14, 1932

Meyer Jewelry Company,
Twelfth & Walnut Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 9th instant regarding your request for an assay of the two samples forwarded by you, weighing, respectively, 1.18 troy ounces and 1.63 troy ounces, and while you do not say what metals you desire determined, I have to advise that gold and silver assays of these samples could be made for you by the Mint at a charge of \$5.00 for each sample, unless they are found to contain any of the platinum group metals in which case an additional \$2.00 will be imposed on each sample - please order covering the charges to be received in advance.

Your gold will be returned you with a certificate of our Assayer, but not refined as requested by you, as it would be impossible for the Mint to refine such small quantities.

If you desire only gold determinations of each sample, the charge will be \$4.00, each sample, and an extra charge of \$1.00 for each assay if any of the platinum group metals are found to be present.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 14, 1932

Mr. E. C. Nicson,
Clayton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that your small consignment, which has a weight of 1.90 troy ounces, cannot be purchased by the Mint - two full troy ounces being the very least the regulations permit me to accept. If you can send 15/100 or 20/100 of a troy ounce more, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of your gold to you. Please give this matter your prompt attention as our storage space is limited.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1932

Mr. Arthur Hallig,
C/o E.C. Clark, Jeweler,
29 North Robinson,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th instant and your second shipment, weighing upon receipt here 45.40 troy ounces, giving the total weight of your material at this institution of 95.56 troy ounces.

You evidently did not understand my letter of the 20th ultimo requesting that you send from 5 to 10 ounces of high-grade silver to be added to your first consignment and in further explanation will say that the regulations require that each deposit have a value of at least \$100.00 and in addition contain a pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the material.

While I cannot, of course, say definitely that the base metal content of your material will be under the maximum the regulations permit, it is my best judgment that you should have not less than 10 ounces of high-grade silver added to these two lots to reduce the proportion of base. This will also reduce somewhat the charges for treatment which are based upon the base metal content of deposits and the more silver you forward therefore, the less these charges will be and the less likelihood that your material will have to be rejected and such treatment charges as have been incurred up to the time of its rejection imposed.

I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will forward this silver at your earliest convenience in order that your material may be treated and disposed of.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 14, 1932

Bank of Fairplay,
Mr. J. C. Singleton, President,
Fairplay, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Answering the last paragraph of your letter of the 13th instant, please be advised that there is a state law which requires that bullion dealers must have a state license in order to buy bullion for resale but in view of the fact that your bank is purchasing such gold in very small lots, it may be that the state authorities would not exact such a license from you although that is a matter entirely within the province of the state authorities and I would therefore suggest that you write to the Secretary of State, Capitol Building, Denver, for further information in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

July 14, 1932

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge with thanks your cash remittance covering commission on collections from telephone booths Ka-9275 and Ma-9972 of 70¢ and 75¢, respectively, for the period May 12th to June 25, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1922

Mr. I. Sander,
Vernal, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment from you, with a slip enclosed bearing your name and address thereon, weighing 2.08 troy ounces and consisting of amalgam grains.

In this connection I have to advise that such deposits should have a weight of 2 full troy ounces of gold in order to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint and you are therefore requested to send some more gold in order to give your deposit that gold content.

Please also send me a letter of advice concerning this consignment, stating the source from which the gold has been obtained, as deposits are not entered for treatment unless accompanied by such a letter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1932

Mrs. Nettie Cureton,
Granite, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of a small consignment from you, weighing upon receipt here 3.40 troy ounces, with your name and address on a slip of paper enclosed and have to advise that before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, it is necessary that same be accompanied by a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been obtained. Upon receipt of such letter from you, your material will be treated and payment made you promptly.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 14, 1922

Mr. E. W. Sager,
Eckman, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 12th instant, you are advised that placer gold is purchased in lots having a weight of two full tray ounces or over of gold, for which the Mint pays \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold contained therein, less \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in such deposits.

Kindly accompany any consignments you may forward here with a letter of advice stating the source from which the gold has been produced.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V

July 14, 1932

Mr. A. Ch. Reiss,
606 Oak Street,
Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and have to advise that the function of the Mint is confined entirely to the purchase of gold and silver bullion for the purpose of manufacturing United States coins and incidentally to make bullion assays such as we recently made for you.

The Government does not guarantee the gold contained in any articles manufactured by private firms represented by them to contain a certain amount of gold. Perhaps the inspection division of your local post office could give you some information as to any recourse you might have in the premises, the Mint not being able to be of any assistance to you in such matters.

Your stamps are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2
Enclosure

July 14, 1932

Lillian Holman,
Liberty, Kansas. Route 1.

Dear Madam:

Answering your note of the 11th instant, you are advised that the Mint will buy old gold and dental scrap when sent in lots having a value not under \$100.00 and where the pure gold content is equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, paying therefor \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained, less \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces, or fraction, and a treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

If you purchase such filled ware which, as you know, contains very little gold, your consignment should be accompanied by a generous proportion of high-grade silver in order that your material will not only have a value of \$100.00, but the precious metal content as above stated.

Any consignments forwarded here should be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 14, 1932

Mr. Bill Arp Jones,
328 Patterson Street,
Monte Vista, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of recent date and in reply have to advise that I am unable to give you any information concerning the shipment of ores to commercial smelters or their prices for treatment and would refer you to the American Smelting & Refining Company at Leadville, Colorado, or to its office in the Equitable Building, Denver. The Mint does not receive ores of any kind for treatment.

I would suggest that you endeavor to locate the owners of the mine to which you refer or if you are unable to do so, to obtain such information as you can from the County Assessor regarding the present ownership of the mine.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:7

July 15, 1932

Mr. Stephen Miller,
West Fork, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 12th enclosing 12¢ in stamps for the return of the rock forwarded here by you, I have to advise that it will require not less than 15¢ in postage to cover the expense of its return to you, and as the Mint has no fund from which such expenses can be met, you are requested to send 3¢ more in stamps for that purpose and if you desire it insured, you should also send the additional stamps necessary for such insurance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 15, 1932

Mr. I. E. Jorgensen, Cashier,
Commonwealth Bank,
Green River, Utah.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment of June 22th, which you state weighs 7 ounces, please be advised that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 8.91 troy ounces, and before proceeding to treat this material I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

I regret the delay which has occurred in connection with this deposit but from June 22nd to July 1st, all operations of the Mint were suspended so far as deposits were concerned, owing to our annual settlement, resulting in a great accumulation of deposits during that period.

If you will advise me promptly if our weight is satisfactory to you, your bullion will be treated immediately and check forwarded you in payment.

Regretting the delay, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 15, 1932

Mr. Victor Shropshire,
4366 Hemphill Street,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that the metal termed green sold by you, weighing upon receipt here 2.26 troy ounces, is of no value and I would appreciate it if you would send me the necessary postage for the return of all the metal forwarded here by you, as our storage space is limited and the Mint can not accept such material for purchase. Your early compliance with this request will be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1932

Mr. H. C. Nicholson,
Sheriff, White Pine County,
Ely, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th instant and in reply you are advised that E. J. Smith has not to date presented any gold bullion for sale at this institution and should he or any one present gold bullion approximating the value and description furnished by you, you will be notified promptly by wire.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1932

Mildred Horn,
Tilden, Nebraska.

Dear Madam:

Answering your postal card of the 12th instant,
please be advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins
in any manner, but so far as I am advised Indian head peo-
nies are worth their face value only.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1932

Mr. Leo Myers,
Oak Creek, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 49/100 of a troy ounce, can not be accepted for treatment as the Mint does not purchase less than two full troy ounces of mined gold, nor are deposits accepted unless accompanied by a letter of advice, none having been received from you covering this shipment.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, your grains will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS:T

July 15, 1932

Mr. L. B. Warthington,
Clayton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment I have to advise that deposits are not entered for treatment unless accompanied by a letter of advice, which should include a statement as to the source from which the gold has been obtained. Kindly advise me concerning this shipment at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 15, 1932

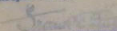
Mr. D. C. Hinton,
41 North First Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 12th instant, which has a total weight upon receipt here of 4.26 troy ounces, I have to advise that deposits consisting of old jewelry, etc., are not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the material.

I am therefore unable to accept your deposit for treatment and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance, or the additional material necessary to enable it to meet the requirements of the Mint.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 18, 1932

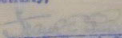
Mr. Edward E. Hayden,
Granite, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment under date of the 13th instant, having a weight upon receipt here of 1.19 troy ounces, I regret to advise you that this cannot be purchased as the very least amount accepted by the Mint is two full troy ounces of gold.

If you can send the gold necessary to bring your consignment up to the full amount, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise I would appreciate your sending the necessary postage and insurance for the return of these grains to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:F

July 16, 1927

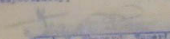
Mr. T. J. Bass,
Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, you are advised that the gross weight of your recent consignment was 3.42 troy ounces, which included the sand as well as the metal therein. The after-melting weight, with the sand eliminated, is 1.37 troy ounces.

In future please remove practically all of the black sand before forwarding as the Mint is not supposed to accept such consignments unless practically free from sand and other foreign substances and unless the deposits includes two full troy ounces of gold.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

July 15, 1870

Mr. Walter A. Anderson,
329 Baker Building,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the \$5/100 of a tray ounce of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using $6\frac{1}{2}$ of the 10¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning $3\frac{1}{2}$ in stamps herewith to balance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS: T
Enclosure

July 15, 1932

Mr. C. D. Hemingway,
100 North Seventh Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

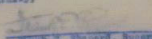
I have your letter of the 12th instant in reference to your consignment under date of July 6th and have to advise that upon receipt here the contents of your package were carefully weighed and checked by two employees in the receiving department and the weight of 18.07 troy ounces was the true weight received from you. Our scales are checked each day for their accuracy and any adjustments appearing necessary are made.

As your weights are invariably in disagreement with the weights as received at the Mint, your attention was not called to this discrepancy - your package being intact and no evidence having been tampered with while in transit.

It appears almost certain therefore that your weight was in error and to call your attention to it would only delay your payment for a number of days. The weight of your last deposit also shows your weight in error as your invoice calls for 18 1/2 ounces while its weight here is 18.62 troy ounces.

To avoid any misunderstanding in the future, whenever your weights are below ours, you will be advised and your deposit held until you express your approval of the weight as received here.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:G

July 16, 1922

Taylor-Haymond Jewelers,
Durango, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 14th instant, I have to be advised that the different lots forwarded by you can not be accepted for purchase unless they have a combined value of \$100.00 - the regulations not permitting the acceptance of deposits of manufactured gold under that value. It will take probably \$20.00 more in good gold to make your material acceptable for purchase, and upon receipt of such gold I will proceed to treat same.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 16, 1922

Mr. M. E. Hoffman,
1116 East 18th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment which has a weight upon receipt here of 27.09 troy ounces, please be advised that it does not appear that your material will have a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum accepted in deposits of this character. I would therefore suggest that you send enough good gold to eliminate all doubt that your deposit will have the foregoing required value. In the meantime I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 16, 1932

Juanita Martinez,
Monte Vista, Colorado. Box 432

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment and have to advise that the metal forwarded by you is iron and therefore unacceptable for purchase by the Mint.

Please send me the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this metal to you at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 16, 1932

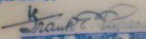
Mr. J. S. Kimball,
Central City, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Wells of this institution has handed me your letter and consignment under date of the 15th instant and I regret to say that the Mint cannot purchase your button owing to the fact that it weighs only 1.16 troy ounces and the regulations do not permit me to purchase under two troy ounces; otherwise, I should be very glad to treat this bullion for you and send you the proper payment.

If you desire this gold turned over to Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, or Carl Plourock, Mack Building, both of which firms are bullion dealers in this city, for return direct to you, I shall be glad to do so but, of course, you will realize that the Mint can not accept any responsibility for the returns made you by any outside dealer.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. BESSERT, Superintendent

CH:7

July 16, 1932

Mr. Charles Hascall,
515 West Brady Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, I have to advise that your understanding of my letter of the 11th instant is correct, namely, that deposits although made up of articles having a different karat fineness must have the equivalent of practically five troy ounces of pure gold, in which case it would be satisfactory to send gold-filled articles as well as other scrap gold, provided, that the total amount of base metal does not exceed four-fifths of the gross weight of your deposit. In other words, there are two conditions to be met in order to render deposits acceptable for purchase - First, a value of \$100.00 and - Second, a pure gold content equal to one-fifth of the weight of the deposit and the more this pure gold content is increased, the less the treatment charges.

However, if your deposit has a gold value of \$100.00, but the base metal content exceeds four-fifths of the weight of the deposit, sufficient high-grade silver may be added to maintain the proportion of one-fifth of the weight in the precious metals.

I am enclosing a circular which will give you further information on this subject.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 16, 1932

Bank of Fairplay,
Fairplay, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 13th instant, which you state weighs 5 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighs 4.14 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this gold, I would appreciate your advising me that the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OW:T

July 16, 1932

Mr. J. C. Tamm, Sr.,
Hahns Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 14th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured mail the amalgam forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 32¢ of the 61¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning herewith 29¢ in stamps to balance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

July 18, 1932

Mr. B. F. Duke,
Ancho, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 15th instant, you are advised that all payments for gold contained in deposits are based upon the pure gold content at the rate of \$20.67 for each troy ounces contained therein.

Placer gold from New Mexico usually runs from \$14.00 to \$18.00 per ounce and such deposits to be acceptable for purchase by the Mint must have a weight of two full troy ounces of gold or over - each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice containing a statement as to the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 18, 1932

Mrs. Flora Mink,
General Delivery,
Bentonville, Arkansas.

Dear Madam:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant you are advised that if your gold and silver will have a minimum value of \$100.00 and a pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one-fourth of its weight, it may be forwarded here for purchase, accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CR:T

July 18, 1932

Mr. E. R. Capps,
Biltmore, North Carolina. Route 5

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, you are advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of ore, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order payable to that office for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample which you state you have forwarded here, kindly send me the necessary postage.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS

July 16, 1932

Mr. H. R. Jaffrey,
846 Main Avenue,
Durango, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise that the law covering the purchase of gold is a Colorado state law and information relative thereto should be obtained from the Secretary of State, State Capitol Building, this city.

The only way you can determine the fineness of the placer gold which you contemplate purchasing would be to have it assayed. The Mint purchases such gold in amounts of two troy ounces or over, paying therefor \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less a melting charge of \$1.00 and a small treatment charge which is regulated by the amount of base metal contained in the material.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and a statement relative to the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

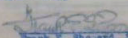
July 18, 1932

Mr. Earle E. Rice,
P. O. Box 125,
Globe, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 14th instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted by the Mint in lots of two troy ounces or over. Consignments may be forwarded by insured parcel post or registered mail and in all cases must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 18, 1932

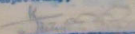
Mr. Joe La Monte,
Hahns Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant, I have this day turned over to Carl Blumrock, Mack Building, this city, the amalgam forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase with instructions to make returns direct to you and you no doubt will hear from Mr. Blumrock within a few days.

Regretting that I was unable to handle this shipment for you, I am

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:T

July 18, 1932

First National Bank,
Tucson, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant, I have returned you this day by express, collect, the silver bars included in your consignments Nos. 18964 and 18032, weighing, respectively, 799.90 and 1095.16 troy ounces, custom entry permits, Nos. 0278 and 02, respectively, being herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:3

July 16, 1932

Mr. A. C. Harks,
717 - 8th Street,
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 15th instant enclosing \$1.00 in currency for which you desire some sand which you have forwarded here assayed for gold. please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of such material, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, or Helena, Montana.

I am returning herewith the dollar bill enclosed with your letter and regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT
Enclosure

July 18, 1932

Mr. Dave Shaul,
1342 Seventh Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold and dental scrap when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, and a pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, paying therefor the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit, and \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge which is fixed by the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

It is therefore to the interest of depositors, when their shipments contain a considerable amount of filled ware, to include as much high-grade silver as may be convenient to raise the precious metal content. Although, as above stated, no deposits are accepted when the pure precious metal content falls below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Deposits are usually paid for the third or fourth day after their receipt, making due allowance for Sundays and holidays intervening. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

Q112
Stamped envelope returned

July 18, 1922

Mr. F. J. Tobin,
P. O. Box 1646,
Great Falls, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant, I have to advise that the Mint will purchase old gold when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, and a pure gold and silver content equal to not less than one-fifth of the weight of the deposit, paying therefore the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver which prevails on the day prior to the receipt of the deposit, and \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold, less \$1.00 for melting and a treatment charge which is fixed by the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

It is therefore to the interest of depositors, when their shipments contain a considerable amount of filled ware, to include as much high-grade silver as may be convenient to raise the precious metal content. Although, as above stated, no deposits are accepted when the pure precious metal content falls below one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Deposits are usually paid for the third or fourth day after their receipt, making one allowance for Sundays and holidays intervening. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

July 16, 1932

Marshall & Illsley Bank,
721 North Water Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentlemen:

Answering your communication of the 13th instant as to the number of shipments received from you and for which you have not received payment, I have to advise that at the present time I have five deposits which are being held for further action as follows:

- No. 1 Rejected bar No. 3591, weighing 236.95 troy ounces, which contains an excessive amount of base metal and under \$100.00 in value. You have paid our melting charge of \$1.00 on this bar and to render it acceptable for purchase, it should have at least \$25 in gold added to it, as well as 50 ounces of high-grade silver to increase its precious metal content.
- No. 2 Consisting of 957.37 troy ounces of mostly filled ware and 58.80 ounces of silver, or a gross weight of 996.17 troy ounces, which requires not less than 200 ounces of silver in order to effect the base metal contained - See my letter of June 8th.
- No. 3 One large bar weighing 165.68 troy ounces and a small bar weighing 36.94 troy ounces, mostly base metal - their return suggested to you in my letter of June 4th.
- No. 4 One lot of gold weighing 43.71 troy ounces and one lot of silver weighing 79.41 troy ounces, held pending answer to my letter of June 17th, not yet received.
- No. 5 One lot of silver weighing 80.63 troy ounces, which is being held pending answer to my letter of June 16th, requesting information as to which consignment you desire this silver added.

If you desire, all of these lots except No. 2, can be

combined and entered as one deposit as in the various lots there is enough gold and silver to remedy the defects which prevent their separate treatment.

We will require the addition of 200 ounces of high-grade silver to offset the base metal contained in the large amount of filled ware of which this shipment is mostly composed.

Awaiting your further instructions in the matter, I

am

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 19, 1932

Pleaser Syndicate Mining Company,
Mr. Marc E. Welliver, Treasurer,
515 Nentschler Building,
Hamilton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 1 under date of the 16th instant, which you state weighs 44 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your bullion weighs 43.54 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this material, I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

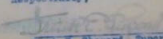
July 19, 1932

Mr. Charles Hagenah,
Salmon, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 15th instant, weighing upon receipt here 4.16 troy ounces and consisting of amalgam, I regret to advise that the Mint can not purchase this material unless the quicksilver has been driven off and I would suggest that you forward the necessary postage and insurance for the return of this material to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 19, 1932

Mr. C. C. Robbins,
Alma, Colorado.

Dear Sir: .

Answering your inquiry of the 6th instant, which did not reach me until this morning, I have to advise that the regulations of the Mint do not permit the acceptance of deposits of placer gold in lots having a weight under two full troy ounces.

Regretting that I can not assist you by the purchase of lots of one ounce, I am

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

July 19, 1932

Mr. Herbert L. Strang,
Montrose, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th instant instant and in reply have to advise that I will be glad to have checks in payment of bullion forwarded by Mr. Clarence L. Nelson made payable to Mr. George J. DeVinny but would suggest that you use one of the enclosed slips as a letter of transmittal and indicate thereon the manner in which you desire payment made.

I may state that the Mint never issues more than one check in payment of a deposit and it would therefore be impossible for us to draw a check in payment of royalty and another check to the other interested parties.

I would suggest that in filling out these forms, you indicate thereon that check is to be made payable to George J. DeVinny as Fiscal Agent.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T
Enclosure

July 19, 1932

Mr. J. K. Fitzgerald,
Republic, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of mineral bearing rock and sand, but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample. Money order for the proper amount payable to that office must accompany your samples.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:2

Stamp returned

July 19, 1932

Mr. G. D. Hemingway,
100 North Seventh Street,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment No. 112 under date of the 16th instant, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 10.37 troy ounces instead of $10\frac{1}{2}$ as inscribed by you.

Kindly advise me promptly if the weight as received here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mr. Richard C. Waters,
2641 Federal Boulevard,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Waters:

Your forced retirement as an employee of this institution on June 30th in compliance with recent legislation, is a matter of much regret to me and I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation of your faithful service and to assure you that you have met only my personal good wishes and goodwill but those of all your co-workers with whom you have been associated during your service at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHT

July 20, 1932

Mr. William E. Dardie,
1627 Hamboldt Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Dardie:

Your forced retirement as an employee of this institution on June 30th in compliance with recent legislation, is a matter of much regret to me and I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation of your faithful service and to assure you that you have not only my personal good wishes and goodwill but those of all your co-workers with whom you have been associated during your service at this institution.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:R

July 23, 1932

Mr. Wm. L. Hill,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Referring your redeposit under date of the 16th instant, I have to advise that while our Assayer would ordinarily report all of your three bars contained therein at a somewhat higher fineness, the difference on the gold-silver bar is not material and not of sufficient importance to change the totals as stated in your invoice and I have accordingly accepted your redeposit in the amounts and totals as reported by you.

I regret to learn that you are about to leave the service as our relations both officially and personally have been very pleasant and in thanking you for your good wishes, beg to most cordially extend the same to you, not only for yourself but in behalf of your many friends at this institution.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Frank A. Sampson, Superintendent

July 20, 1922

Mr. M. E. McDonald,
Livingston, Montana.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment No. 15 under date of the 15th instant, weighing upon receipt here 40.49 troy ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that your material will contain one-fifth of its weight in the precious metals which is necessary to render it acceptable for purchase by the Mint.

I would suggest that you send at least 10 ounces of high-grade silver to increase its precious metal content and I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

July 20, 1932

Mr. E. Ladue,
Raton, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your recent consignment, weighing upon receipt here 6.55 Troy ounces and consisting of amalgam, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept deposits of this character, it being necessary that the mercury be driven off before forwarding to the Mint.

It is also necessary that deposits be accompanied by a letter of advice - no letter accompanying this shipment having been received from you.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your amalgam will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CHS

July 20, 1922

Mr. John Brickley,
Logan,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment enclosing your name and address but to date have received no letter of advice from you pertaining to this shipment, and as such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 20, 1922

Messrs. M. & M. Greenman,
129 West Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment enclosing your business card but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment, and as such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 20, 1932

Mr. Don Lawrie,
108 South Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the wrapper but to date have not received from you a letter of advice pertaining to this shipment, and as such a letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this consignment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:7

July 22, 1932

Mr. John C. Morgan,
El Dorado, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your recent consignment, which weighs upon receipt here 44.82 troy ounces, and as the regulations require that deposits of this character must have a value of at least \$100.00, which it is doubtful your material will contain, I would suggest that you send some additional good gold to be added thereto and also 10 or 15 ounces of high-grade silver, as it is required that deposits in addition to having a value of \$100.00, also have a pure precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of their weight.

I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:V

July 20, 1922

Pelton's Cash Store,
Salmon, Idaho.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that mining gold may be forwarded to the Mint in lots of two tray ounces or over, accompanied by a letter of advice containing a statement as to the source from which the gold has been produced. The Mint pays \$20.67 for each tray ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less a melting charge of \$1.00 and a small treatment charge.

Shipments may be forwarded by insured or registered mail or by express with all transportation charges prepaid.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Sheard, Superintendent

CH:7

July 20, 1922

El Paso National Bank,
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment of coin, Lot No. 260, and bar No. 269, I have to advise that no letter of advice has been received concerning this deposit and as such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly concerning this shipment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 20, 1932

GORDON'S
36 East Park Street,
Butte, Montana.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your recent consignment, which has a weight upon receipt here of 37.26 troy ounces, please be advised that the Mint regulations require that each consignment be accompanied by a letter of advice before being entered on our books for treatment. Kindly write me concerning this deposit at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1922

Mr. Vernon C. Brown,
5419 Maple Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 16th instant, consisting of six buttons and weighing 8.10 troy ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that these buttons will have a value of \$100.00, which is necessary before they may be accepted for purchase - the regulations requiring that deposits of this character have a minimum value of that amount. I would suggest that you forward so much additional gold as may be necessary to give your deposit the required value.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1932

Mr. Paul R. Gants,
Silver City, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 10th instant, which you state has a weight of 4.8 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your gold weighs 4.53 troy ounces and owing to this discrepancy I am withholding treatment and have to request that you will advise me if the weight as found here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

July 20, 1933

Mr. Leonard S. Strahan,
Snyder Block,
Lovell, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase raw or placer gold when sent in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over of gold and when practically free from sand or other foreign substances, although the Mint does not make assays of sand to determine its gold content.

Should you make any shipments to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mr. James A. Reed,
Vanadium, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I regret to say that the Mint can not very well handle the gold and sand mentioned by you in your note of the 15th instant, as it is necessary that such deposits be practically free from sand in order to be acceptable for purchase. The Mint will accept deposits under the latter conditions in lots having a weight of two troy ounces of gold or over.

The Mint does not recommend any outside dealers nor assume any responsibility for returns should shipments be made to them when their names are suggested as a matter of accommodation, and purely as a matter of accommodation to you, I would suggest that you correspond with Burlingame & Parker, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, as to whether they would be willing to take your gold and sand for treatment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

433
July 20, 1932

Dr. E. J. Drake,
P. O. Box 406
Sheridan, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 19th instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted for purchase by the Mint when sent in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces of gold and over - the gold to be practically free from sand, rock or other foreign substance. Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice and may be forwarded by insured parcel post or registered mail as the shipper may prefer.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1932

National Surety Company,
Coronado Building, 15th & Stout Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Attention: Mr. William A. Freeburg.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and have to advise that William E. Dardis, Helper at this institution, was retired as such at the close of business on June 30th, 1932.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

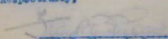
July 20, 1932

Mr. George A. Harris,
McCoy, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 18th instant and in reply am enclosing copy of my letter to you under date of the 9th instant which I believe will fully explain to you the status of your deposit at this institution. I regret that you did not receive my letter which has evidently been lost in the mails.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 20, 1932

Mr. E. E. Petty,
Whitney, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Answering your communication of the 15th instant received this date, I have to advise that check in payment of your deposits was mailed you on the 15th instant and no doubt it has reached you by this time.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 30, 1932

Mr. L. B. Werthington,
Clayton, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

I have to advise that your deposit under date of the 17th instant, weighing upon receipt here 1.79 troy ounces, is too small for acceptance by the Mint as two full troy ounces of gold is the minimum accepted for purchase and I am therefore unable to treat your consignment.

If you can send the additional gold to bring this consignment up to the required amount, I should be glad to have you do so, otherwise, please forward on the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 20, 1932

Fort Worth Smelting & Refining Company,
1218 Arcade Place, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment No. 101 under date of the 18th instant which you claim had a weight of 80.90 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here this material weighed 91.14 troy ounces with an after-melting weight of 80.90 troy ounces - an extraordinary coincidence - but I regret to say that an assay shows that its base metal content is greatly in excess of the maximum permitted in deposits acceptable for purchase. It has accordingly been necessary to reject this bar and impose thereon our melting charge of \$1.00 which you are requested to remit by money order at your earliest convenience.

To condition this bar to meet the requirements of the Mint, it will require not less than 10 ounces of high-grade silver which you should forward if you desire this bullion reentered as a deposit, but before this may be done, the foregoing melting charges must be paid.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 21, 1932

Mr. F. L. McCune,
Longford, Kansas.

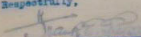
Dear Sir:

Referring to the gold sludge mentioned in your letter of recent date, I doubt very much if it would be suitable as a deposit at the Mint and would suggest that you melt it into bar form before forwarding it here for purchase.

In this connection I have to advise that gold of such a character must have a value of at least \$100.00 in each deposit and a precious metal content equal to one fifth of the weight of such deposit.

Should you forward this material here for purchase later on, please accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

July 21, 1932

Mr. Leo Myers,
Oak Creek, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 18th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the small amount of gold forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ of the 13¢ in postage enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ in stamps herewith to balance.

Regretting that I was unable to assist you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosure

July 31, 1932

Mr. H. W. Drake,
Ordway, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of the 16th instant, you are advised that placer gold is accepted at the Mint in lots having a gold content of two full tray ounces - each consignment to be accompanied by a letter of advice and information as to the source from which the gold has been obtained.

The Mint does not have for distribution any literature or other information relative to placer mining.

Respectfully,

Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 31, 1932

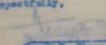
Mr. D. C. Minton,
41 North First Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Complying with your request of the 18th instant, I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the old jewelry, etc., forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase, using \$12 of the \$25 enclosed with your letter for that purpose and returning of the balance herewith to balance.

Regretting that I could not be of service to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:V
Enclosure

July 21, 1932

Juanita Martinez,
Monte Vista, Colorado. Box 420

Dear Madam:

Complying with your request of the 18th instant,
I have this day returned to you by insured parcel post the
metal forwarded by you to the Mint, using 8¢ of the 15¢ en-
closed with your letter for that purpose and returning 7¢
in stamps herewith in balance.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:2

Enclosure

July 21, 1922

Miss C. Ione Wright, Registrar,
C/o State Treasurer's Office,
State Capitol Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Madam:

Answering your communication of the 20th instant, please be advised that the Government does not deal in old coins nor ever pay a premium thereon, and while I have heard that the Indian Head one-cent bronze pieces are worth a premium over their face value, I have no information whatever on the subject. If it is true that there is such a premium, it will be paid only by private coin collectors.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

July 21, 1938

Messrs. E. Deriet & Son,
211 North Seventh Street,
Holland Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, which weighs upon receipt here 8.09 troy ounces, I have to advise that no deposits are accepted for purchase having a value under \$100.00 which it appears doubtful your material will contain. I would therefore suggest that you send some additional gold to be added to this lot in order to render it acceptable for purchase.

I am holding your material without treatment until further advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 21, 1932

Mr. C. D. Davis, Manager,
Lower Red Park Placer Company,
Columbine, Colorado.

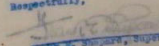
Dear Sir:

Referring to your two lots of placer gold, one weighing upon receipt here 1.31 troy ounces and the other 1.85 troy ounces, for which you desire separate returns, I have to advise that in order to comply with this request it is necessary that each lot have the minimum weight acceptable for purchase, which in the case of placer gold, is two full troy ounces.

If you desire, these two lots may be combined and one check and one memorandum of return forwarded you, or if you desire separate returns, it will be necessary that each lot have a weight of not less than two troy ounces.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. SHEPARD, Superintendent

CH:2

July 28, 1932

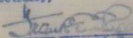
Mr. H. L. Mayo,
128 1/2 West Main Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your deposit under date of the 9th instant, weighing upon receipt here 6.15 troy ounces, and have to advise that as deposits of this character must have a minimum value of \$100.00, I would suggest that you send two or three ounces additional of gold to be added to this lot, as I doubt very much if your material which I now have will contain the required value.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 22, 1932

Mr. Otho R. Murphy,
Heab, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your second shipment of 60/100 of a troy ounce of gold to be added to your previous consignment, which I have been holding for that purpose, brings the total amount of metal in your account at this institution up to 1.93 troy ounces. While this is close to the required amount of two troy ounces, I regret to say that since the regulations prescribe the minimum as two full troy ounces, I am not authorized to accept deposits which even closely approximate that weight.

I would suggest that instead of trying to send exactly two ounces, you send at least 10/100 of an ounce more in order that your deposit will have a gold content of at least two troy ounces.

Respectfully,


FRANK W. SHEPARD, SUPERVISOR

CH:T

July 22, 1932

Mr. Louis Felitzer,
C/o Sarah-Olive Bank,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering the postscript on your letter of the 18th instant, I have to advise that the small amount of platinum contained in some deposits, and frequently the amount is exceedingly trivial, is recovered finally in our refinery where pure gold and pure silver are parted from the deposits received at the Mint and in this process it is impossible to determine from which deposits any platinum has been recovered.

Platinum is one of the primary elements just as gold and silver are and is not a combination or compound of any other metals.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CE:7

July 22, 1932

Mr. Arthur Templeman,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

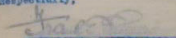
Dear Sir:

Answering your postal card of recent date, you are advised that gold in the form of manufactured articles with which placer gold may be combined is not accepted at the Mint in lots having a value under \$100.00 nor a pure gold content under one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Placer gold alone is accepted in lots having a pure gold content of two troy ounces or over. In both cases silver may be included and will apply as constituting one-fifth of the precious metals required.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

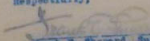
July 22, 1933

Mr. Edward C. Weatherly, Agent,
New Trust - Baby M. & M. Company,
Ouray, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, which you claim has a weight of 125 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your material weighs 115.18 troy ounces. Please advise me if the latter weight is satisfactory to you before I proceed to treat this material.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

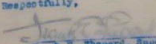
July 22, 1932

Mr. J. W. Schmandt,
Kansas City, Missouri. Route 1.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your consignment under date of the 19th instant, which you state has a weight of 434 penny-weights which would be equal to 21.70 troy ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your bar weighs 19.57 troy ounces and before proceeding to treat this material I have to request that you will advise me if the weight as received here is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 22, 1932

Mr. Louis Politzer,
4310 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

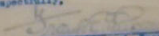
Answering your letter of the 20th instant, I have to advise that your shipments on the following dates were paid in the amount and on the dates as indicated:

Deposit

- July 5, check in amount of \$131.29 was mailed you on July 11th to 12 East First Street, Tulsa.
- " July 7, check in amount of \$179.31, mailed July 12, your address in St. Louis.
- " July 14, check in amount \$111.98, mailed July 16, your address in St. Louis.
- " July 20, check in amount \$189.21, mailed July 22, your address in St. Louis.

If you have not received the check forwarded to you at Tulsa, I would suggest that you communicate with the party living at that address or with the Postmaster in that city and if you do not recover this check within a reasonable time please advise me and I will request payment stopped there. the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:2

July 22, 1933

Mr. J. C. Holliday,
2019 North Lamar Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th instant, I have to say that no charge is ~~made~~ for any information which may be furnished but I do not understand in this instance just what information you desire.

The Mint does not deal in old coins of any description, nor are defective coins distributed by the Mint showing die-breaks or rim-breaks if such defects are discovered prior thereto, nor would such coins be furnished upon application not under any circumstances. All defective coins are remelted with such other residue as is accumulated during the process of coinage.

If I have not correctly understood your question, please advise me.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Sheppard, Superintendent

CH:7
Stamped envelope returned

July 22, 1932

Mr. Harry C. Morse,
204 Main Street,
Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under case of the 20th instant, which has a total weight of 9.51 troy ounces, I have to advise that I am doubtful that your material will contain a value of \$100.00 which is the minimum accepted for purchase, and I would therefore suggest that you send some additional gold to give your deposit the required value for acceptance.

Regarding your request to be advised as to the karats of the heavy gold watch case and chain included in your deposit, I note that the watch case is stamped 14-karat, which would have a value of approximately \$12.00 per troy ounce. The chain is not stamped and only an assay could determine its gold content. These two articles weigh 3.62 troy ounces.

The Mint does not pay for gold on the stamped fineness of articles but only after melting and assaying such material as the stamped fineness is usually inaccurate. ~~There would~~ separate returns be made you on these articles as returns are made only on the basis of the minimum value of deposits accepted for purchase.

I am holding your material without treatment until advised by you in the premises.

Respectfully,

July 23, 1932

Mr. C. A. Russell,
Asotin, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th instant relative to your deposit of June 15th, please refer to my memorandum of returns on which you will note that the weight before melting is 2.05 troy ounces and that the notation thereon of 1.82 troy ounces is the after-melting weight - this loss in melting being due to the copper, sand and mercury contained in your material.

You will also note that the fineness of your hold is 814 $\frac{1}{2}$ assay parts out of a possible 1000. The foregoing weights and fineness cover both of your shipments - the first and second shipments weighing upon receipt here 1.80 and 25/100 troy ounces, respectively.

All of your material was melted at one time as the Mint does not treat or make separate returns on lots having a weight under two full troy ounces. I am therefore unable to tell you the value contained in your second shipment.

Gold is paid for at the rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce 1000 assay parts fine - your deposit containing 1.48 troy ounces of fine gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

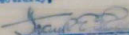
July 23, 1932

Mr. E. E. Matouse,
Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside and weighing 2.30 troy ounces, and have to advise that before this deposit may be entered on our books for treatment and purchase it will be necessary for you to forward me a letter of advice concerning same and state the source from which the gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:F

July 23, 1932

Mr. T. J. Johnston,
Placerville, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the label, weighing upon receipt here 2.02 troy ounces but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this shipment. As such letter is necessary before deposits may be entered on our books for treatment, I have to request that you will write me promptly regarding this deposit.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1932

Mr. S. C. Nash,
Bird City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of recent date, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make assays of the material described by you and I would suggest that you correspond with the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, in regard to such assays as you desire.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 22, 1922

Mrs. Mary L. Caywood,
Mayer, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

Your two lets under date of the 18th instant, weigh upon receipt here 6.05 troy ounces and 2.01 troy ounces, instead of 6.835 ounces and 2 ounces as stated by you. While the weight of the second lot practically checks, I have to request that you will advise as if the weight of the larger consignment as found here meets with your approval.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

July 23, 1932

Mr. J. R. Tremble,
1433 South Tenth Street,
Charleston, Illinois.

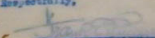
Dear Sir:

Your consignment under date of the 19th instant, weighing upon receipt here 49.40 troy ounces, does not appear to have the necessary pure gold and silver content to render it acceptable for purchase - the regulations requiring that deposits of this character contain at least one-fifth of their weight in the precious metals. To meet this requirement it will be necessary for you to send not less than ten ounces of high-grade silver to be added to this consignment.

Awaiting your further advice in the matter, I

am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:V

July 25, 1932

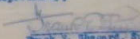
Mr. William Wohlfing,
3436 North Frederick Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the one dollar in currency enclosed with your letter of the 18th instant, with the information that all applications for new coins must be addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., as per the enclosed circular.

Upon receipt of authority from the Treasurer, I shall take pleasure in sending you the desired coins. No quarter dollars of the old design have been issued since 1929.

Respectfully,


Frank V. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

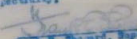
July 25, 1932

Mr. Clarence T. Smith,
P. O. Box 55,
Buena Vista, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter under date of the 20th instant, I have to advise that the Mint does not accept concentrates of the character you have forwarded here and I have to request that you will advise us promptly as to what disposition you desire made of same.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 23, 1932

Peoples Market, Inc.,
Attention: J. L. Mills,
Salmon, Idaho.

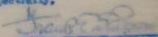
Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of recent date, I have to advise that placer or raw gold is accepted by the Mint in lots having a gold content of two troy ounces, this being the smallest deposit accepted for purchase.

Deposits of manufactured gold articles are not accepted in lots having a value under \$100.00 and a precious metal content equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Deposits of raw or placer gold must contain a value of \$50.00 or over. Should you forward any consignments to the Mint, kindly accompany same with a letter of advice.

Respectfully,



Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

July 23, 1932

Mr. George E. Frost,
Fifth Avenue Hotel,
Troy, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 19th instant and while I am not in possession of any information to enable me to express an opinion of the management and value of the property known as the London Mountain Gold Mining Company in the Alma District, near Leadville, Colorado, the regulations would not permit me to supply the information you desire. I would suggest, however, that you thoroughly investigate any enterprise of this character before you invest your money therein.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 23, 1932

Mr. C. E. VanGelder,
226 - 6th Avenue, North,
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here, 2.17 troy ounces, is hardly suitable for acceptance as a deposit, as deposits of mining gold must contain a minimum of two troy ounces of gold, while your contains a large amount of black sand and other foreign substances.

I am therefore unable to accept this material for purchase and also unable to advise you as to the best manner in which you could separate your fine gold from the black sand with which it is associated.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:7

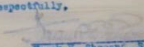
July 22, 1932

The Valley Bank & Trust Company,
Safford, Arizona.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your label on the outside but to date have not received from you a letter of advice covering this deposit which is necessary before it may be entered on our books for treatment. Please forward this letter to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

GM:T

July 23, 1932

Mr. William F. Pratcher, Treasurer,
Franklin Stamp & Coin Company,
2000 Longfellow Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

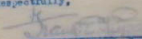
Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 20th instant you are advised that the Mint will purchase old gold in the form of manufactured articles when such articles have a value of at least \$100.00 and a precious metal content of pure gold and silver equal to at least one-fifth of the weight of the deposit.

Placer gold or raw gold is accepted when deposits contain a minimum of two troy ounces or over. Consignments may be forwarded in any manner desired by the depositor, that is, by insured parcel post, registered mail, or by prepaid express.

The only way in which you could ascertain the purity of your gold would be to have an assay made by some reliable assayer.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

OM:T

July 23, 1932

Mr. Al Berton,
Hawland, Nevada.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 18th, I have to advise that if the gold to which you refer consists of manufactured articles, it may be forwarded here in lots having a minimum value of \$100.00, provided, its pure gold content is equal to at least one-fifth of its weight.

If you have any doubt as to its pure gold content, I would suggest that you add so much high-grade silver as may be necessary to comply with the requirement.

The Mint will purchase placer or raw gold in lots having a weight of two full troy ounces or over of pure gold.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:t

July 25, 1932

Dr. Iva Lee Keis,
Fremont, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver - today's quotation being 22 1/2¢ per troy ounce - deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Stamped envelope returned

July 25, 1932

Strass Bros.,
16 West Central Avenue,
Minot, North Dakota.

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure that the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver - today's quotation being 36¢ per troy ounce - deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 26, 1932

Mr. C. D. Hemingway,
General Delivery,
La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Answering your notation on my letter to you under date of the 19th instant, please be advised that check in payment of your deposit No. 118, under date of the 15th instant, was mailed you on July 20th to 100 North Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and I am therefore unable to forward this check to La Crosse as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OS:T

July 28, 1932

Miss Lucile Lunsford,
Monmouth, Kansas.

Dear Miss Lunsford:

I am returning herewith fragment of a \$5.00 bill enclosed with your letter of the 20th instant and have to advise that the Mint does not redeem paper currency - this being done only by the Treasurer of the United States, and I would suggest you forward to him the small piece that now remains of the bill destroyed by fire with a full statement of the manner in which the bill was destroyed, although I am not advised that he will take any action relative to so small a piece.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

Enclosure

July 25, 1932

Mr. Pablo Aranda,
Golden, New Mexico,
Via Madrid.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 21st instant, you are advised that if the gold to which you refer is placer gold, it may be forwarded here in lots having a weight of two troy ounces of gold. Under which conditions, if your gold has a value of from \$30.00 to \$50.00, it may be forwarded here for purchase.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

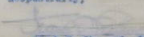
July 25, 1932

Mr. Peter Kaul,
1147 - 7th Avenue, S.E.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, you
are advised that the Mint does not deal in old coins nor
have I any information regarding dealers with whom you
could correspond.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:F
Stamp returned

July 25, 1932

Mr. Harry Wolfram,
Herdon, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant, please be advised that the Mint has no information available for distribution relative to the various methods of recovering placer gold and separating it from the sands and other foreign substances with which it is found.

The Mint will purchase placer gold in lots of two full troy ounces or over when it is sent here practically free from sand, rocks and other foreign substances. When the gold has been collected with mercury, the latter should be distilled off by retorting before the gold is forwarded to the Mint - the regulations prohibiting the acceptance of amalgam deposits.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction for silver, today's quotation being 26¢ per troy ounce, deducting therefrom \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1932

Mr. W. B. Look,
P. O. Box 294,
Casper, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 23rd instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold and where this precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high grade silver should be included to be sure that the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, today's quotation being 26¢ per troy ounce, deducting therefrom \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in deposits.

All deposits must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

GH:T

July 25, 1932

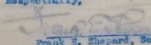
Mr. Lloyd E. Miller,
General Delivery,
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

Your consignment of July 23rd has a weight here
of 21.19 troy ounces instead of 22 ounces and 3 pennyweights
as stated in your invoice.

Please advise me promptly if the former weight
is satisfactory to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1932

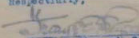
Mrs. Mabel Ludlum,
Baton, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to advise that while the Mint does not recommend nor outside dealers nor assume any responsibility when small consignments are delivered to them at the request of depositors, it may be that Burlingame & Parker, Bullion Dealers, 1901 Lawrence Street, this city, will be able to purchase the gold contained in your amalgam and upon receipt of authority from you this amalgam will be delivered to that firm with instructions to make returns direct to you.

Please advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 28, 1932

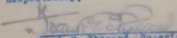
Mr. Harry M. Spray,
C/o A. Dalh,
Denton, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your two bottles of sand under date of the 16th instant and have to advise that this material is not suitable for purchase by the Mint, as practically all sand must be removed from such deposits and the gold content must be at least two troy ounces before the same may be purchased.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance your two bottles and contents will be returned you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1932

Mr. Hart McDonald,
Payson, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your shipment under date of the 20th instant, which you state weighs about 3 ounces, I have to advise that upon receipt here your retort and grains weigh 2.42 troy ounces and as this is *over half* an ounce less than the weight stated by you, you are requested to advise us promptly if our weight meets with your approval.

Respectfully,



Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 25, 1932

Mr. Louis S. Werner,
7012 - 17th Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your note of the 22nd instant, you are advised that the following coins are available for distribution in accordance with instructions contained in the enclosed circular:

Gold Coins

Double Eagles - 1925-1926-1927-1931
Eagles - 1914
Half Eagles - 1909

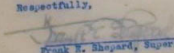
Silver Coins

Standard Silver Dollars - 1921-1922-1926-1927
Half Dollars - 1929
Quarter Dollars - 1928-1929
Dimes - 1929-1931

Minor Coins

Five-cent Nickels - 1929
One-cent Bronze - 1930-1931-1932

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

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July 25, 1932

H. H. Hawley Company,
Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your consignment under date of the 22nd instant, having a weight upon receipt here of 100.00 troy ounces, I have to advise that it does not appear that the total amount of gold in these various articles will equal one-fifth of the weight of your deposit and it will be necessary for you to send not less than 10 ounces of high-grade silver in order to reduce the proportion of base metal contained therein. In the meantime I am holding your material without treatment and have to request that you will advise me promptly of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 25, 1932

Mr. Edward Cattisman,
Hanks Peak, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

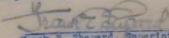
Referring to your shipment under date of the 22nd instant, I have to advise that one bottle weighs 72/100 of a troy ounce and the other 48/100 of a troy ounce, or a total of 1.20 troy ounces.

The Mint does not accept deposits nor make returns thereon when the weight is under 2 full troy ounces of gold, under which conditions, your two lots can not be purchased.

If you wish to keep these two lots separate and have individual returns or checks in payment issued therefor, it will be necessary for you to send enough gold to add to each lot to bring the weight of each up to 2 full troy ounces.

Please advise me of your wishes in this matter.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

OH:T

July 26, 1932

Mr. Veryl Storer,
Ogallala, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based on the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 26, 1932

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

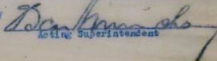
I have this day to acknowledge the receipt of the following dies, via Railway Express Agency, Inc., on Government bill of lading No. T-155712:

5 Obverse Quarter Dollar Dies,	\$126-130
5 Reverse " " "	\$126-130.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent,

By


Acting Superintendent

ON:T

July 26, 1932

Mr. Louis Ryan,
300 East 11th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 24th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots having a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver should be included to be sure the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$20.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice.

Respectfully,

Frank H. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Benjamin C. Hays
Acting Superintendent

CH:7

July 26, 1932

Mr. Frank E. Sprague,
Belleville, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase scrap gold and articles of old jewelry when sent in lots have a value of \$100.00 or over, provided, such deposits contain at least one fifth of their weight in pure gold, and where the precious metal content is doubtful, sufficient high-grade silver must be included to be sure the foregoing requirement is complied with.

The Mint pays \$90.07 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits and the New York market price, less the fraction, for silver, deducting from the proceeds \$1.00 for melting up to 1000 ounces and a small treatment charge which is based upon the amount of base metal contained in the deposit.

All consignments must be accompanied by a letter of advice and may be forwarded by insured parcel post or registered mail, as preferred.

Very respectfully,

Respectfully,
Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Frank E. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

OK:2

July 25, 1922

Mr. Frank T. Shepherd,
Mr. Mark Stallings,
Red River, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 25th instant, you are advised that the Mint will purchase placer gold when sent here in lots having a pure gold content of at least two troy ounces and free from sand, rock, or other foreign substance. The Mint pays at the rate of \$40.67 for each troy ounce of pure gold contained in deposits, less \$1.00 for melting and a nominal treatment charge which is based on the amount of base metal contained in such deposits. If the gold has been collected with mercury, the latter must be distilled off by retorting before forwarding to the Mint. Shipments may be sent by insured parcel post or by registered mail as the depositor may prefer.

The Mint has no literature relative to placer mining for distribution, but I have no doubt you can obtain a report from the Ross & Smelter Supply Company, or the Hendrix & Belthoff Manufacturing & Supply Company, both in this city.

Respectfully, C. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

Frank T. Shepard
Acting Superintendent

July 26, 1932

Mrs. Ellen Mitchell,
2227 Yew Street,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with your request of the 20th instant, I have today turned over to Carl Blareck, Mack Building, this city, your small consignment at this institution, weighing 54/100 of a troy ounce, with ~~indemnity~~ that returns be made direct to you.

Regretting that I was unable to purchase your gold, I am

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

Ben Hinchey
Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 26, 1933

Mr. John C. Morgan,
El Dorado, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23rd instant in reply to my communication of the 20th instant in which I suggested that you send some gold to increase the value of your deposit at this institution and also 10 or 15 ounces of high-grade silver to reduce the proportion of base metal contained therein, I have to advise that the scrap jewelry referred to in your letter has been received and weighs 47.66 troy ounces.

This gold will, of course, increase the value of your deposit here but in addition to the fact that it must contain a value of \$100.00, it is necessary also that the base metal contained in such material, and of which it is largely composed, must not exceed four-fifths of the weight of your deposit, or that deposits must contain at least one-fifth of their weight in pure gold or silver.

Under these circumstances I am unable to proceed with the treatment of your two lots as there is no doubt that the base metal contained in the various articles of which they are composed will produce a preponderance of the base metals beyond the limits above stated.

To increase the precious metal content of your deposit to the required amount, it will now be necessary for you to send 20 or 25 ounces of high-grade silver to be added thereto.

Please advise us promptly if you are able to forward this silver for the purpose above stated.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By

[Signature]
Acting Superintendent

July 26, 1932

Mr. A. Weller,
1422 North 12th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, I have to advise that the silver mentioned therein weighs upon receipt here 64.34 troy ounces and no doubt will be sufficient to render your material at this institution acceptable for purchase, but as stated in my previous letter under date of the 14th instant, it is necessary for you to send \$1.00 by money order to cover the melting charges applying on your deposit at the time of its rejection as the regulations do not permit such charges to be deducted from the proceeds of deposits re-entered for treatment. Upon receipt of these charges, I will proceed at once to treat your material and forward you check in payment.

Respectfully,

Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

By


Acting Superintendent

CH:T

July 27, 1932

Mr. Vernon C. Brown,
5419 Hughe Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request noted on my letter to you under date of the 20th instant, I returned to you yesterday by express, collect, the six buttons forwarded by you to this Mint for purchase.

Regretting that I could not be of assistance to you in this matter, I am

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:F

July 27, 1932

Mr. Elmer E. Brown,
Gunnison, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your small consignment under date of the 25th instant weighs upon receipt here 7/100 of a troy ounce, while the minimum accepted by the Mint for purchase is a gold content of two full troy ounces, under which conditions I am unable to accept your small amount of gold for purchase and it will be returned to you upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance which you are requested to forward at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

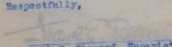
July 27, 1932

Montana Laboratory Company,
Phillipsburg, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a consignment bearing your name on the outside and consisting of one king weighing upon receipt here 15.54 troy ounces, and in view of the fact that the regulations prohibit the treatment of deposits unless accompanied by a letter of advice, I am holding your deposit awaiting the receipt of such a letter which please forward at your earliest convenience and kindly advise me therein as to the source from which this gold has been obtained.

Respectfully,


Frank T. Shepard, Superintendent

OK:T

July 27, 1932

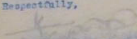
Mr. E. L. Leach,
Dutch Hill, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your note and consignment of the 23rd instant, please be advised that the Mint is not equipped to make analyses of such material but reliable work of this kind can be done for you by the United States Assay Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, at a charge of \$1.00 for gold and \$1.00 for silver, each sample - money order for the proper amount to accompany your samples.

If you desire the return of the sample you have forwarded here, please send me the necessary postage and insurance.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 27, 1932

Mr. Carl M. Bradford,
Pacola, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 25th instant, you are advised that paper currency is redeemed only by the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C., and I would suggest that you write to him and ~~state the cir-~~
~~cumstances~~ under which your money was destroyed and request his advice as to what may be done regarding its redemption.

Respectfully,


Frank M. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

July 26, 1932

Mr. Walker Halbert,
Hartsborn, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the piece of metal forwarded with your note of the 20th instant, I have to advise that an acid test of this metal discloses that it is all brass and therefore unsuitable as a deposit at the Mint and I am returning it herewith together with the 3¢ in postage enclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,


Frank W. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T
Enclosures

July 27, 1932

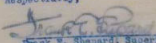
Mr. Earl Garber,
Maple, Colorado. Box 95

Dear Sir:

Referring to your small consignment, weighing upon receipt here 1.59 of a troy ounce, while the regulations do not permit the acceptance of such deposits having a gold content under two troy ounces, under which conditions I am unable to purchase this ~~gold~~.

If you can send an additional amount of gold sufficient to bring the weight of your material up to two full troy ounces, I shall be glad to have you do so, otherwise kindly forward the necessary postage and insurance for its return to you.

Respectfully,


FRANK E. Shepard, Superintendent

July 27, 1932

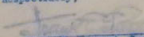
Mr. William Weiser, President
The Grand Valley National Bank,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the small consignment forwarded with your letter of the 25th instant, I have to advise that same weighs upon receipt here $36/100$ of a troy ounce while the regulations do not permit the acceptance of such deposits having a gold content under two troy ounces, under which conditions I am unable to purchase this gold.

Upon receipt of the necessary postage and insurance this material will be returned to you.

Respectfully,


Frank E. Shepard, Superintendent

CH:T

